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WHS students of the month for January

Here are the Wilmington January Students of the Month (Collaborator mindset): Alivia Quintero, Josie O'Mahony, Thomas MacGilvray, Joshua Luther Salgado, Vivian Ragsdale, Madison Fenton, Jay Karani, Jonathan Cavanaugh, and Emily Hall. (Courtesy photo)

For Town Meeting

Planning Board considers warrant articles

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Feb. 4, the Planning Board's agenda contained several items related to upcoming town meetings and legal updates, including the MBTA Communities Act.

They first held a public hearing to amend the site plan review rules and regulations and regulations governing special permits. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich shared that the updates being made were mainly administrative and were in accordance with the agreement of residents at the most recent special Town Meeting on Dec. 7.

Planning Board Chair Terence Boland confirmed that the board already saw these proposed edits to the bylaw as they were approved as printed in the meeting warrant.

Gingrich later invited the board to discuss their draft zoning article for accessory dwelling units. She recalled that after their previous discussion, they decided to propose replacing the town's existing bylaw language with language establishing a 900 square foot maximum for accessory dwelling units which would be compliant with the new state law.

The other option which they hadn't selected was to leave the current 1,200 square foot maximum requiring owner occupancy but also allow another accessory dwelling unit up to 900 square feet without requiring owner occupancy.

Emma Battaglia agreed that there was no incentive otherwise to allow two accessory dwelling units on a single lot.

Gingrich proposed that they could allow one accessory dwelling unit without a special permit and require a special permit for the second unit. However, she said they expected opposition to the idea of allowing two units on one lot. She shared that town counsel KP|Law was currently reviewing the draft language.

She also mentioned that she borrowed language from North Reading's town bylaw relative to short-term rentals. She explained that currently Wilmington's bylaw does not allow short-term rentals simply by excluding short-term rentals altogether from the language, but their intention is to specifically state that short-term rentals are prohibited.

Gingrich shared regarding a proposed warrant article relative to flood plain district updates that counsel approved the language, so that article was all set.

She lastly asked the board members if they would be willing to recommend to the Select Board that the as of right multi-family zoning district warrant article return to Town Meeting for 2025.

She described that typically warrant articles voted down at Town Meeting can't return the next year unless the Planning Board recommends this to the Select Board and the Select Board allows it.

The as of right multi-family zoning district failed by vote of 288 against to 154 in favor in December 2024.

Deanna Craig asked if there was guidance pro-

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800 Salem St. plans for new tenant

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — A new public hearing began for 800 Salem St. for a site plan review, stormwater management permit, sign special permit, and groundwater protection district special permit at the Planning Board's Feb. 4 meeting.

Camber Development's Dave Wilkinson reminded the board that this same property came before them in 2022 and 2023 for the warehouse building, on which construction had been completed in 2024.

Matthew Costa of Beals & Associates explained that they wanted to amend their existing site plan review, stormwater management special permit, and groundwater protection district special permit, and only the sign special permit was new.

The property had over 300 parking spaces with 32 trailer spaces, and a lot of the proposed updates to the site plan were due to new striping for the parking lot. The trailer spaces would be restriped to become parking for flex delivery drivers.

They were adding a generator, refrigeration equipment, new doorways, speed bumps, crosswalks, and new signage.

Camber Development's current potential tenant was Amazon. Costa mentioned that Amazon has facilities in Wilmington on Fordham Road which are of a different nature. At 800 Salem St., the Amazon warehouse would be a subsame day delivery factory holding and preparing same-day delivery packages for delivery drivers.

These would be most commonly ordered items to be delivered within a 60-minute drive of the facility. There were two of these

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Planning Board begins public hearing for Safford Street

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Feb. 4, the Planning Board opened a public hearing for the 81G roadway improvement plan and stormwater management special permit for Safford Street.

One representative for the project explained that they were including a roadway improvement plan to incorporate two new lots and houses added into the right of way. They confirmed their willingness to comply with other town by-law including the dimensional requirements.

Luke Roy of LJR Engineering described that Safford Street is an existing private way between Marion Street and Roberts Road. The improvements proposed included paving and widening the roadway, currently planned to 20 feet, from the edge of Burlington Avenue up to 9 Safford St., in addition to creating a paved turnaround within a roadway easement.

Roy said that putting a turnaround within a roadway easement is commonly done and would count as improved frontage for the property involved. They were also avoiding wetlands and proposing stormwater management improvements to protect and respect resource areas.

Planning Board Chair Terence Boland mentioned that Town Engineer Paul Alunni had not yet returned his initial comments on the plans. He recalled that they typically require roadway width to be upwards of 26 feet. He also expected the fire department to provide comments on the proposed turnaround.

Roy replied that he heard from the fire department who seemed open to the turnaround

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Sign will be 14 feet over bylaw limit

Special permit approved for Beth Israel Lahey Hospital

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Planning Board held public hearings relative to various requests for site plan review, sign special permit, stormwater management special permit, and more, along with requests for continuations and endorsements, at their Feb. 4 meeting.

The developer and project manager for 203 Lowell St. spoke relative to a sign special permit request. The proposal was for 134 square feet of signage, 14 feet over the town bylaw limit of 120 square feet. They explained that the applicant was Beth Israel Lahey Hospital.

The board members agreed that the request was fine, and they approved draft conditions prepared in advance. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich confirmed that none of the conditions were unique.

For Eagleview Drive's definitive subdivision and stormwater management permit, Patrick Bauer explained that he was trying to meet with Town Engineer Paul Alunni directly. Planning Board Chair Terence Boland stated that the board awaited Alunni's signoff before they could approve the project.

Gingrich added that she received requested letters from legal counsel about avoiding land court and asked for town counsel KP|Law to review it. She hadn't heard back from them with the results.

The project was continued to March 4.

A public hearing had been scheduled for an 81G roadway improvement plan and stormwater management permit for Rhodes Street, but the applicant requested to withdraw as they were seeking an alternative development plan. The board voted to receive the with-

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Wilmington Library News:

Pets & People: therapy dogs and cats on Sunday, Feb. 23

The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

African Wrap Doll Making Workshop — Experience the Art of the African Wrap Doll
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
Participants will learn about African wrap dolls from staff from the National Black Doll Museum and create a doll to take home! Materials will be provided. This program is for all ages.

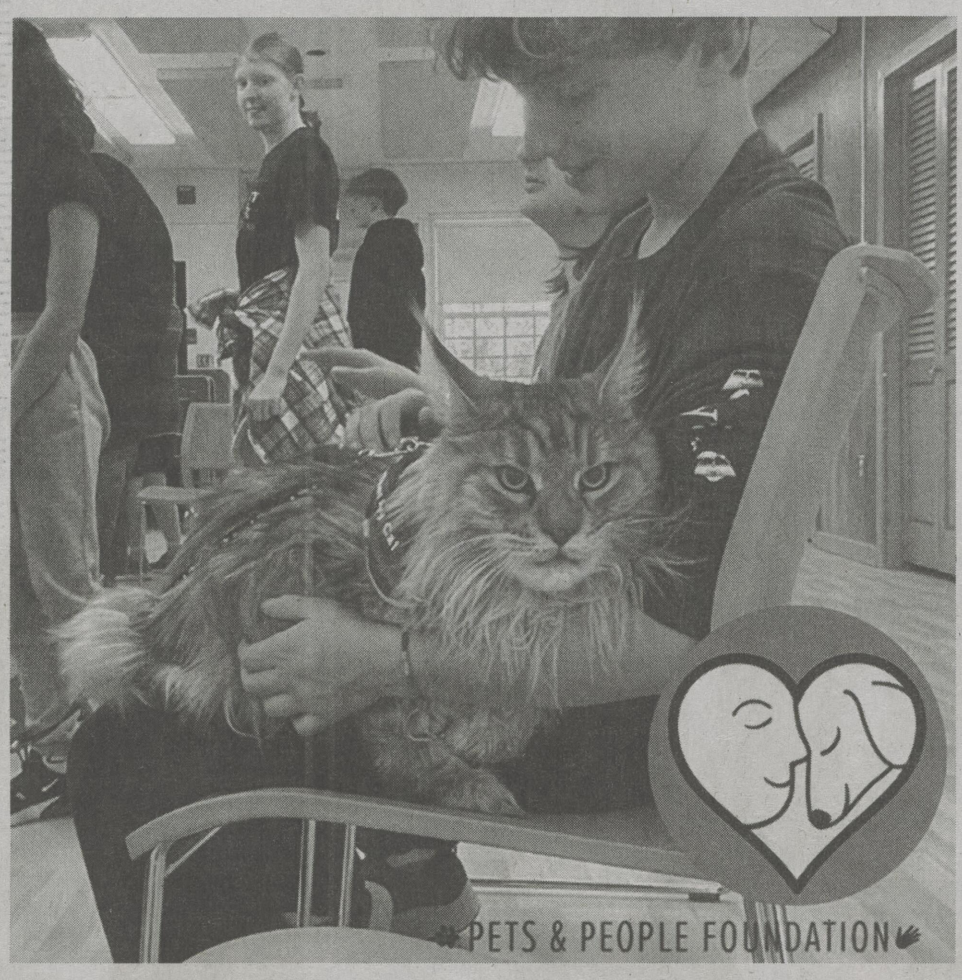
Novel Ideas
Thursday, Feb. 20, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. This month's featured book is The Cliffs by J. Courtney Sullivan.

Needleworkers
Friday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy conversation and camaraderie. Drop-in.

Youth Programs

Maple Sugaring with Land's Sake Farm
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
Learn about the local tradition of turning maple sap into maple syrup! This program includes a maple sugaring themed story time, opportunities to touch and explore the tools Land's Sake Farms uses to make maple syrup, and the chance to use hand drills to tap a demonstration log. Learn history, science, social studies, and a new skill, all in one program! Preschool - 2nd grade

Anti-Valentine's Day Party
Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m.
Sick of love songs? Tired of people talking about nothing but romance? Come join us at our Anti-Valentine's Day Party, where we'll mix up anti-love potions, make cards to express our not-so-lovey feelings, and destroy some stuffed animals to make Frankentoys! Black clothing and dour expressions are encouraged, but Valentine's Day fans are welcome as well. Grades 6-12



▲ Register now for Pets & People: Therapy Dogs and Cats on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m.! Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to come hang out with therapy dogs from the Pets & People Foundation. Cats may also be in attendance! (Courtesy photo)

Music and Movement with Thom Mystic Early Intervention (Waitlist Only)
Wednesday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m.
Join Thom Mystic Early Intervention for this fun music and movement playgroup! Enjoy free motor play and a structured music circle time led by a music therapist. They will use songs, movement, and instruments to increase peer socialization, imitation skills, language development, sensory integration, and motor skills. Ages 15 months - 5 years

Pokemon Party
Thursday, Feb. 20, 11 a.m.
Pokemon Day is this month and the library wants to celebrate with you over school vacation week! Enjoy activities, trade cards, and meet other Pokémon fans! Grades K-5, siblings welcome

Manga Tryouts
Thursday, Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m.
Have a say in manga purchased for the teen collection with this new club! During each meeting, we'll sample 1st volumes of different manga, and vote on whether it should be added to WML's collection. Grades 6-12

Community LEGO Build
Friday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.
LEGO fans, collaborate on a LEGO build together and enjoy a LEGO prize for participating! Work together to build Peach's castle! Ages 8+

Switch it Up! Tournament Style
Friday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m.
Love video games? In this special Switch It Up vacation week event, we'll be competing tournament style! Grades 1-5

Teen DnD
Saturday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.
Looking for a group to play with? Join us for in person Dungeons and Dragons at the library. You may also participate on Discord, a private server. We use DnDBeyond or physical sheets to track and create our characters. You must attend a D&D 101 session at the library before joining our campaign. These sessions are held monthly on the second Tuesday evening. Grades 6-12

Pets & People: Therapy Dogs and Cats
Saturday, Feb. 22, 3 p.m.
Come hang out with therapy dogs from Pets & People Foundation at WML! Cats may also be in attendance. Register to receive reminders and let us know you're coming, but feel free to drop by as well! Grades 6-12

Additional Information

Save the Date: Thursday, May 8 | 6:30 p.m. (The Fez Room at the Shriner's Auditorium)
Wilmington Memorial Library is hosting best-selling novelist Chris Bohjalian whose newest book The Jackal's Mistress comes out in March! This first event in our new offsite author series will feature a presentation by Mr. Bohjalian, book sales/signing, a cash bar, and light refreshments. Registration begins in late March.

New Library Hours
Wilmington Memorial Library has updated its hours! We are open Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. and Friday/Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Stop by and check out what's new — we can't wait to see you!

Laminate and Shred Your Documents at the Library!
We now have a laminator and paper shredder set up in our front foyer. They are free to use and we can provide laminating sheets.

Wilmington Mirror Digital Archive
Wilmington Memorial Library recently collaborated with the Harnden Tavern to digitize 98 issues of the Wilmington Mirror newspaper, a precursor to the Wilmington Crusader and Town Crier. The newly digitized issues span the 1930s and 1940s, are searchable, and can be viewed on the library's website or by going to *bit.ly/wilmington-mirror*.

Book Store Next Door
The Book Store Next Door is open Saturdays from 10am - 4pm. In January and February, the store is closed Wednesdays. Wednesday hours will resume March 5th.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list by visiting *wilmlibrary.org/services/mp*.

WML In-Person Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

Display Your Artwork at the Library!
Call for artwork! Did you know the Wilmington Memorial Library allows professional artists to exhibit their work in the library's Stewart Room? Interested artists can apply to exhibit their work by visiting *https://bit.ly/wmlart*.

Solution being developed for 685 Main St. project relative to site plan review

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drawal.

Luke Roy of LJR Engineering described to the board that a solution was being developed for 685 Main St. relative to a site plan review, stormwater management permit, and groundwater protection district special permit. They essentially created an updated interim plan showing that curbing and landscaping would be left out and hydrants and a large boulder would be put in.

Gingrich highlighted that the state's contractor, as paid for by the town, would be replacing the water line relative to this project. She said that they didn't have a timeline on when it would be completed.

The board voted to continue this project as well.

A site plan review waiver and groundwater protection district special permit were requested at 730 Main St. The project sponsor explained that they hadn't made any changes to the layout but clarified a comment on the groundwater filtration and addressed all other comments.

Gingrich described that the town found the stone around the area to meet requirements and prepared draft conditions for that night. She said all the conditions were standard, and the board approved them as drafted.

The board next approved conditions for a sign special permit at 80 Industrial Way. Liz Busteed, representing Ferguson, shared their desire to put a sign on the exterior side of the building which would be taller but smaller than the existing sign.

Regarding the Board of Appeals case for 2 Alice Ave., Jayne Wierzbicki mentioned that the applicant was requesting to extend an existing nonconformity horizontally. Boland commented that he was fine with the proposal, but Peter Moser said that the request goes against the intention of the zoning which is to prevent overcrowding.

Gingrich said she would pass along to the Board of Appeals that most of the Planning Board members agreed that the proposal was not a detriment to the neighborhood.

There was also a Board of Appeals case for 815 Woburn St., along with their request to waive site plan review. The applicant explained that they would be renovating the existing office space to change the use. Gingrich clarified that the waiver request was relative to the site plan, and the Board of Appeals case pertained to the use change.

The board approved the waiver request and recommended approval for the use change.

A representative on behalf of 90 Eames St. came before the board relative to a request for extension of their site plan approval, as they were still engaged in litigation but expecting a decision later this year. Gingrich shared town counsel found that the Permit Extension Act did apply, and they had been treating this application as if the two-year approval window had not yet begun.

Boland stated, therefore, they had nothing to extend, as they never began the timeline in the first place due to litigation. However, he agreed that the Permit Extension Act applies and the timeline hadn't started yet.

The applicant requested written acknowledgment in this regard from the board. Boland suggested they use the notes prepared from this meeting.

The board also voted to release most of the surety for Murray Hill Estates and tabled the plans for 708R Woburn St.

For 21A Concord St., the applicant requested either endorsement of plans or an amendment to the conditions, explaining they couldn't get the required easement agreement signed until June.

Boland described that the board had to hold a public hearing before they could amend the conditions, so it could not be done until at least their March meeting. Sean Hennigan confirmed that the board would be willing to do so, although Moser suggested that they were inviting the permit to fall through.

The Planning Board meets next on Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois

An Identity Protection PIN helps shield taxpayers from tax-related identity theft

Identity Protection PINs stop identity thieves from filing fraudulent tax returns. Taxpayers who participate in this program are assigned a six-digit number that they use to prove their identity when they file their federal tax return. The IRS's Identity Protection PIN is an added layer of security for taxpayers. In the recent past, the Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee called the IP PIN, "The number one security tool currently available to taxpayers from the IRS."

How to request an IP PIN: After a taxpayer verifies their identity, the Get an IP PIN tool allows people with a Social Security number or individual taxpayer identification number to request an IP PIN online. Taxpayers should review the identity verification requirements before they try to use the Get An IP PIN tool. Tax pros should advise clients affected by identity theft to request an IP PIN. Even if a thief has already filed a fraudulent tax return, an IP PIN could prevent the taxpayer from being a repeat victim of tax-related identity theft.

Additional information about IP PINs: An IP PIN is valid for one year. For security reasons, new IP PINs are generated each year. Some participants will receive their IP PIN in the mail, while others will have to log in to the Get an IP PIN tool to see their current IP PIN. Enrolled taxpayers can log back in to the Get an IP PIN tool to see their current IP PIN.

Taxpayers with an IP PIN must use it when filing any federal tax returns during the year, including prior year tax returns or amended returns. IP PIN users should share their number only with the IRS and their tax preparation provider. The IRS will never call, email or text a request for the IP PIN.

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News and notes from WCTV

Hello Friends and Neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

The Wilmington Spotlight Episode 9 — Erin DiCarlo
In this episode of the Wilmington Spotlight, host Austin Styffe sits down with Erin DiCarlo of Dovetail Companies to shine the spotlight down on one of the groups they agree are often overlooked: seniors.

Finance Committee — Feb. 4, 2025
In this meeting, Wilmington's Superintendent of Public Buildings, Dennis Kelly, presented the FY26 budget for town facilities, highlighting increased maintenance costs, staffing challenges, and major capital improvement projects. With two new all-electric municipal buildings coming online, the town is facing rising electricity costs and making critical decisions about the future of older buildings like the Buzzell School and Roman House.

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Lifestyle

▲▼ Dipped in chocolate or as part of a decadent dessert, strawberries red color and historic connection to love make it a perfect Valentine Day treat (Heather Burns photos)

Strawberries, the new flavor of the Valentine season

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

With the Valentine's Day weekend almost upon us, love is literally in the air as many prepare for the upcoming holiday with a variety of gifts that produce amorous aromas and flavors.

The typical scents of Valentine's Day that come to mind are roses and other fragrant flowers, however, don't discount the alluring scent combined with the decadent taste of sweets when romancing your Valentine.

Many recognize that there seems to be an unofficial direct line from the stomach to the heart, making rich and indulgent foods a perfect way to woo your Valentine.

Undeniably, chocolate has held the top spot on the Valentine dessert table for quite some time, but in recent years another familiar flavor has been gaining popularity in celebrating this iconic day of love and friendship.

Strawberries are quickly becoming a top selling treat flavor for Valentine's Day.

This may be in part because the strawberries' natural color and heart shape gives a real Valentine's Day vibe, but the connection of strawberries and love dates further back in history than the celebration of Valentine's Day itself.

In Ancient Rome, strawberries were considered the symbol of Venus, the Goddess of Love, because of their alluring bright red color and enticing flavor.

Later, the strawberry became a symbol of fertility, probably because this tiny fruit boast's its own fertility by carrying its seed on the outside of the fruit.

The natural beauty of the strawberry was also used as a representation of perfection, and often carved into church altars and cathedral pillars during the medieval times.

To further add to the strawberries legacy of love, legend also has it that when two people split a strawberry they are destined to fall in love.

Among all of the strawberry inspired Valentine treats, the chocolate covered strawberry has become the most popular as a Valentine gift.

There is some speculation as to when this successful marriage of strawberries and chocolate actually occurred.

Some experts believe that chocolate covered strawberries first came about in Europe as a decadent treat for the wealthy.

However, most believe that the chocolate covered strawberry was first created here in the U.S. in the 1960's by a Chicago confectioner named Lorraine Lorusso.

Inspired by the historic combination of chocolate and assorted fruit flavors, Lorusso hand dipped fresh strawberries into tempered chocolate to create a luxurious treat that would later become a staple Valentine indulgence.

Today, chocolate dipped strawberries can be purchased at many candy, flower and gourmet food stores, or can be easily made at home for a fun Valentine's Day activity.

Despite the popularity of chocolate and strawberries, strawberries on their own are also in demand as a romantic dessert to share with that special someone.

One long standing Valentine's celebration tradition is the irrisible pairing of strawberries and champagne.

The fusion of sweet and bubbly flavors can turn a ho-hum Valentine date into a celebration of romance with the simple pop of a cork.

The pairing of champagne and strawberries is also considered by many to be an aphrodisiac, and this popular combination is said to date back to stories about Marie-Antoinette partaking in more than just "letting them eat cake!"

If cake is what you desire, there is a multitude of Valentine cakes that include the romancing flavors of strawberries.

Elaborate to simplistic cakes that feature strawberries can be purchased at bakeries and food markets that will sure to please even Marie Antoinette's desires.

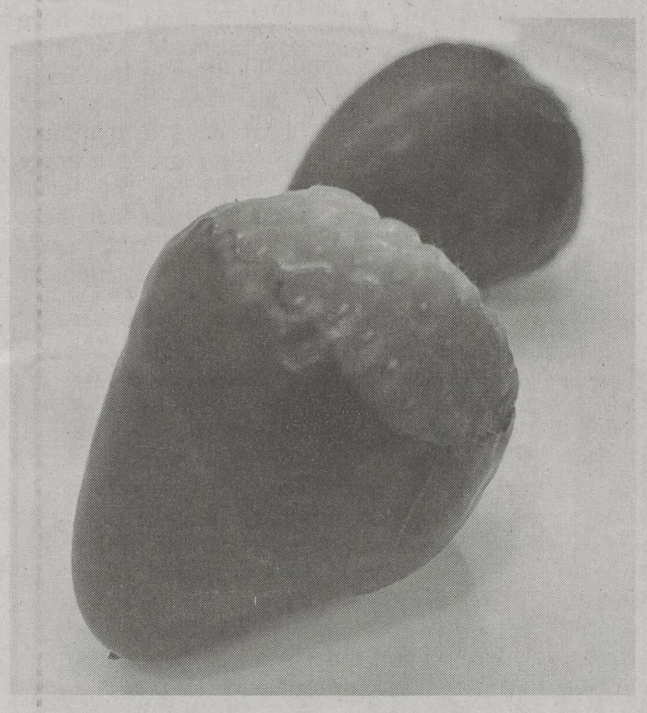
For those talented in the kitchen, there are also a great many recipes available for a large variety of special desserts that feature the strawberry, including recipes for cakes, cookies, milk shakes, cheesecake, mousse, and trifles.

This year, Valentine's Day is Friday, Feb. 14, but many plan to celebrate throughout the long weekend.

Instead of the traditional celebration of flowers and ordinary chocolates, take time during this holiday weekend to surprise your Valentine with the historically romantic flavor of strawberries.

For easy to make strawberry Valentine desserts, visit *www.walkingonsunshinerecipes.com/valentines-day-desserts-with-strawberries/#easy-strawberry-desserts.com*

To make chocolate covered strawberries at home, visit *www.allrecipes.com* and search chocolate covered strawberries.



Scout Sunday at St. Thomas of Villanova Church

WILMINGTON — St. Thomas of Villanova Church will conduct Scout Sunday Mass to honor both Scouting America and Girl Scouts of America youth and leaders on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 12 p.m.

Scouts and leaders for both programs will meet inside at the front of St. Thomas Church by 11:45 a.m. If Scouts have Troop/Patrol flags, they are welcome to bring those into the church.

If your group wants Scout Sunday patches blessed, please bring them in a sandwich bag with Troop number on the bag and bring to the church.

If any Scout or Leader would like to read at the Alter, please contact Frank West, 978-658-1754 or *troop136Wilm@aol.com*.

Troop and Cub Scout Pack 136 will host coffee and cake after Mass for all parishioners.

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Tewksbury Public Schools Announcement

for parents of students attending Tewksbury Public Schools: Career, Vocational, and Technical School Application Process (For schools other than Shawsheen Valley Technical High School)

Chapter 74 Non-Resident Tuition

Students interested in out-of-district placements under Chapter 74 Vocational Education for an upcoming school year must submit their application to **Tewksbury Public Schools, Brenda Theriault-Regan, Superintendent,** for the specific school they wish to attend by **April 1st** of the preceding school year. Tewksbury Public Schools reserves the right to reject any application received after that date.

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Merrimack Valley Credit Union

MVCU scholarship program now accepting applications from high school seniors

LAWRENCE — Merrimack Valley Credit Union's (MVCU) annual scholarship program is now accepting applications from high school seniors graduating in 2025. This year, the credit union will award more than $26,000 to 18 students within its field of membership.

Two of the awards honor late members of the credit union's family:

The Lisa Lewis Goodman Community Spirit Award of $2,500 will be presented to one student who embodies the credit union philosophy of people helping people, dedicating themself to their community through volunteer efforts both in and outside of school.

The James A. Burley, Jr. Scholarships are awarded to three students who excel academically, actively participate in extracurricular activities and provide exceptional essay responses. First place is $5,000; second place is $3,000; and third place is $2,000.

The credit union will also award 14 $1,000 scholarships to students based on their high school academic success, commitment to extracurricular and community activities and response to the essay prompt, "Tell us what leadership means to you. Describe a time when you demonstrated leadership, and what lessons you learned from that experience."

Qualified applicants must be currently attending a public, private, religious or technical high school located in the credit union's field of membership (*www.mvcu.com/locations*) and they must be planning to enroll full-time in a certificate, associate's or bachelor's program at an accredited college in the United States. Membership with MVCU or Bridgewater Credit Union, a Division of MVCU, or a connection to a member is not required.

The application is 100% online and must be completed at *www.mvcu.com/scholarship*. All mailed and/or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 28, 2025.

To learn more about the MVCU scholarship program and apply, please visit *www.mvcu.com/scholarship*.

About Merrimack Valley Credit Union

Founded in 1955, Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU) is a state-chartered community and employer-based credit union with more than $2.3 billion in assets.

The corporate office is located in Lawrence. MVCU currently serves more than 115,000 members, primarily in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. MVCU also serves more than 1,100 employer groups, including two major Massachusetts employers, Raytheon Technologies and Brigham and Women's Hospital, and operates 19 retail branches located in Amesbury, Bridgewater, Brookline, Danvers, Dorchester, Fairhaven, Haverhill, Hanover, Lawrence, Marlborough, Methuen, North Andover, Plymouth, Quincy, Tewksbury, Waltham and Worcester, plus Plaistow and Seabrook, N.H.

MVCU offers a wide range of savings and loan products, commercial services and digital banking to meet the financial needs of a growing member base.

Healey-Driscoll Administration releases state's first ever comprehensive housing plan

BOSTON — The Healey-Driscoll Administration released the initial results of Massachusetts' first comprehensive statewide housing plan to increase housing production, meet the unique needs of communities and lower costs across the state.

"A Home for Everyone: A Comprehensive Housing Plan for Massachusetts" was developed in consultation with the Housing Advisory Council, which Governor Maura Healey established by Executive Order when she filed the Affordable Homes Act. Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll served as Chair of the Council and Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus was Vice Chair.

The plan, which includes an in-depth analysis of the state's housing needs, also identifies strategies for increasing production, preserving and upgrading existing housing, supporting individuals and families struggling with homelessness and using housing as a way to create economic mobility for all Massachusetts residents.

It provides both a statewide perspective as well as data and strategies specific to each region in the state, including an analysis of each region's housing needs over the next 10 years. The report identifies that the state needs to increase its year-round housing supply by at least 222,000 units from 2025 to 2035 to stay competitive and lower costs.

Every region of the state needs more homes in order to reach this statewide target.

"For the first time, Massachusetts has a statewide housing plan. Our administration is not kicking the can down the road when it comes to addressing the high housing costs that are holding too many of our residents and our businesses back," said Governor Maura Healey. "This plan tells us exactly where we need to go and how we can get there to build hundreds of thousands of new units and make sure that everyone — our teachers, nurses, small business owners, seniors and families — can afford homes in our state. I'm grateful for the hard work of our Housing Advisory Council, under the leadership of Lieutenant Governor Driscoll and Secretary Augustus, to develop this first-of-its-kind plan that is going to have a real impact for the people of Massachusetts."

"While we know there is a lot of work to do to increase housing production and lower costs across our state, we have the tools and strategies in place to do it," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "From the Affordable Homes Act and the MBTA Communities Law, we have the opportunity to really tackle our housing challenges in a way that recognizes the unique needs of each of our 351 cities and towns. This work is essential for our state's competitiveness, and it will be good for our communities, workforce, businesses, and quality of life."

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, in partnership with the Housing Advisory Council, engaged with more than 3,000 people in developing the plan. That included 14 regional listening sessions held throughout the state last year.

"From one end of the state to the other, we've heard from seniors, veterans, business owners and employees, families, health care workers and young people," said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. "The rising cost of housing has impacted everyone. This plan is the beginning of what will be an ongoing process. We hope that communities will use it as a resource as we continue to work to refine our strategies in the months and years to come."

The statewide plan dives deep into the current state of housing in Massachusetts, including where housing is, where people show a desire to live, what type of housing currently exists and what types are needed to meet projected demand. In addition to offering an analysis of housing needs by region, it identifies overall strategies to shape Massachusetts' successful approach to housing.

Many of these strategies are already underway. Last year, Gov. Healey signed the Affordable Homes Act into law, the state's most comprehensive housing bill in history, which is expected to create or preserve 65,000 housing units. One key part of the bill allows for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) by right. ADUs are sometimes called tiny homes or in-law suites, and this provision is expected to result in 8,000-10,000 new ADUs across the state.

The bill also increases funding for programs that support first-time homebuyers and creates the Momentum Fund, a new revolving fund to be used to increase development of mixed-income multifamily housing.

Additionally, more than 116 communities have approved new multi-family zoning near transit under the MBTA Communities Act, and more than 3,000 new housing units are already in the pipeline. The Healey-Driscoll Administration supports compliant communities with the MBTA Communities Catalyst Fund, which provides funding for infrastructure projects needed to support new housing development.

Gov. Healey also increased the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) in her tax cuts package, which has increased housing production in Gateway Cities by 600 percent.

The statewide plan also calls for exploring non-traditional housing, protecting existing homes and affordability by preserving homes with expiring affordability restrictions and bringing vacant or distressed homes back online, providing direct subsidies and increasing access to homeownership for first-time homebuyers, preventing evictions and foreclosures, and enhancing partnerships with employers to better address workforce housing needs.

A full digital version of the plan will be launched in the spring and will include an interactive resource center and production tracking guide where we can assess the impact of our investments and movement in the market.

Students named to Dean's List at Fairfield University

FAIRFIELD, CT — The following Fairfield University student(s) received Dean's List Honors for the fall 2024 semester.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

WILMINGTON

- **Allison Fischer**
- **Daniel Luongo**
- **Emma Ryan**

Tewksbury Public Schools seeking nominations for Ginsburg Family Award

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Public Schools is seeking nominations for the 2025 annual Ginsburg Family Award to recognize an individual, a group, or a company/organization who has had a significant impact on the Tewksbury Public Schools in the area of physical, monetary, tangible contribution(s), or volunteering for the benefit of a school or the district.

The Ginsburg Family Award is named for the well-known charitable family, Marc & Leisa Ginsburg, and is given out to an individual or organization that is notable for their great contributions of charity and service to the schools of Tewksbury.

Past recipients include the Ginsburg Family, the Tewksbury Rotary Club, the Phil French Family, the Tewksbury Education Foundation, Larry & Sandy Polimeno, Wamesit Lanes (MacLaren Family), Donna's Donuts (Wilson Family), TMHS Best Buddies, Holt & Bugbee Foundation, and the Corning Foundation.

The deadline for nominations is April 11, 2025. A brief narrative with the application is encouraged.

Nominations may be sent to Gail Johnson, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, *gjohnson@tewksbury.k12.ma.us* or by mail to: Tewksbury Public Schools, Office of the Superintendent, 139 Pleasant Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Students named to Dean's List at Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2024 fall semester.

Springfield College has named **Kaitlyn Doherty from Wilmington** to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 fall semester. Doherty has a primary major of Health Science.

Springfield College has named **Madison Mulas from Wilmington** to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 fall semester. Mulas has a primary major of Computer Science/Crim Just.

Springfield College has named **Amanda Sullivan from Wilmington** to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 fall semester. Sullivan has a primary major of Criminal Justice.

Springfield College has named **William McKay from Tewksbury** to the dean's list for academic excellence for the 2024 fall semester. McKay has a primary major of Physical Education.

The criteria for selection to the Dean's List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of "P" grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term. Student must not have been barred from Dean's List due to disciplinary action.

Book Stew Review

Love Marriage by V.V. Ganeshananthan

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

The author, a native of Sri Lanka, introduces the reader to her family, some of whom joined the Tamil Tigers in a raging war against the Sinhalese, who make up 89 percent of the population.

The separatist civil war broke out in 1983 after years of failed attempts to share power within a unified country, with Tamil fighters eventually creating a de facto independent homeland in the country's north. The group was crushed in a 2009 government offensive.

The war killed at least 100,000 on both sides and left many more missing. The conflict in the former Ceylon cleaved family members, with some joining the rebellion and many choosing to emigrate to Canada and to the US.

Yalini, a young woman in her 20s, meets her uncle Kumaran, who had abandoned his family to join the Tigers. Now, with a disease that leaves him only a few weeks to live, he returns to Yalini's mother's home in Toronto to spend his remaining days with his favorite sister, Yalini's mother.

Although missing from the family for decades, he brings his daughter Janani to Toronto for an arranged marriage. Yalini, the narrator, feels no compulsion to marry and is very content to stay close to her parents, and spends time with her uncle, trying to understand what drove him to commit acts of violence and to abandon his family.

Yalini is a dedicated storyteller and takes the reader back to three generations who have been crushed by tragedy — arsons, murders, and mental illness, but her intelligence and her empathy shine in this encompassing story.

Quote: "All families start with a marriage, and all marriages start with a family."

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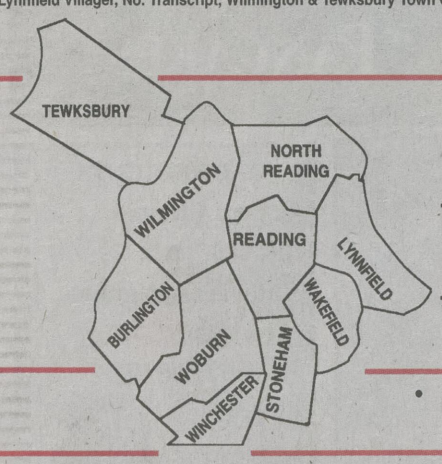

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Could Jacqui Duffy be America's Favorite Teacher?

TEACHER JACQUELINE DUFFY OF WILMINGTON

By RYAN LAROCHE

Reader's Digest wants to know "who is America's Favorite Teacher?" The answer may be Wilmington resident Jacqueline Duffy. The winning teacher will receive $25,000, a feature in Reader's Digest, a trip to Hawaii, and a school assembly with Bill Nye (the Science Guy).

Duffy currently teaches English as a Second Language (ESL) to multilingual young adults at an alternative high school in South Boston. She graduated from Wilmington High School in 2013 before attending Saint Michael's College in Vermont where she double-majored in Spanish and Anthropology/Sociology. In 2022, she graduated with a Master's degree in Spanish.

When asked who inspired her to become a teacher, Duffy mentioned her middle school Spanish teacher Ms. Farulla. (Duffy is currently licensed to teach Spanish.)

"She made me feel like the smartest student in the class," Duffy said. "It was apparent she loved what she did. I always am grateful for the kind words and encouragement she graced me with during middle school Spanish.

"Hearing her lecture about the lives of other people across the world outside of Wilmington instilled in me a lifelong desire to travel and learn. By learning Spanish, I have been able to connect with students. I get to hear more stories, share more wisdom and see more growth because of my bilingualism.

"I have devoted my life to language education because I am a lifelong, forever language student. No one can say they can't learn a language inside a classroom, because I did!"

Duffy also spoke about feeling important, intelligent and valued. She said Farulla once used her vocabulary drawings as an example for her class.

"All I wanted was to make her proud to be my teacher - and she truly was," Duffy continued, adding how her passion now lies in "guiding and celebrating language learners in her ESL classroom to acquire confidence, knowledge and global citizenship."

Growing up in Wilmington, she said she learned to value community and the importance of the adage, "it takes a village." Through her involvement in athletics from soccer to field hockey to softball to even employment with the recreation department's summer camp, Duffy connected with her fellow residents. She noted how some of those connections have lasted "and deepen to this day."

She also shared how grateful she is for her education, pointing to teachers having high expectations which lead to her valuing education and rigor.

"Wilmington is where my roots are," she admitted, "but it has gifted me skills to ground and grow anywhere."

To get involved in the contest, Duffy actually entered herself. She said the contest was being advertised online and she decided to apply. A couple of months later, she received an email notifying her of her selection. She is now one of 20 educators across the country who was hand selected to participate.

When asked what she finds the most rewarding about teaching, Duffy pointed to the connections she makes with her students.

"Teaching brings so many treasured connections that I consider to be the most rewarding part of my career. Everyday, I get a glimpse into the lives of young learners. Gaining the trust of a student and cultivating a genuine connection brings me immense, innumerable joy.

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Kinda Pregnant' is kinda good

BABY ON BOARD - Brianne Howey, left, and Amy Schumer in a scene from "Kinda Pregnant" released by Netflix. (Netflix via AP)

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

We have by now become accustomed to the lengths some movie characters will go to keep a good comedy lie going. But it's still a special kind of feat when Amy Schumer, playing a baby-mad single woman who fakes a baby bump in "Kinda Pregnant," is so desperate to maintain the fiction that she shoves a roast turkey up her dress.

You might be thinking: This is too ridiculous. The stuffing, alone. But if we bought "Some Like it Hot" and "Mrs. Doubtfire," I see no reason to quibble with the set-up of "Kinda Pregnant," a funny and often perceptive satire on motherhood, both real and pretend.

"Kinda Pregnant," which debuted Wednesday on Netflix, is a kinda throwback comedy. Like "40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Wedding Crashers," you can basically get the movie just from its title.

But like any good high-concept comedy, "Kinda Pregnant" is predominantly a far-fetched way for its star and co-writer, Schumer, to riff frankly on her chosen topic. Here, that's the wide gamut of pregnancy experience — the body changes, the gender reveal parties, the personal jealousies — all while mixing in a healthy amount of pseudo-pregnant pratfalls.

It's been a decade since Schumer was essentially launched as a movie star in the 2015 Judd Apatow-directed "Trainwreck." But "Kinda Pregnant," which Schumer wrote with Julie Paiva, almost as adeptly channels Schumer's comic voice — the one that made the sketch series "Inside Amy Schumer" so great.

The movie's opening flashes back to Lainy (Schumer) as a child playing with dolls and imagining herself a mother-to-be. So committed is she to the role that Lainy, in mock-labor, screams at her friend and then politely apologies: "Sorry, but the expectant mother often lashes out at her support system."

But as middle age approaches, Lainy, a high school teacher in Brooklyn, isn't close to her dream. At the dinner where she suspects — no, is so certain that she tears open the dessert looking for a ring — that her longtime boyfriend (Damon Wayans Jr.) is going to pop the question, he instead asks her to join a threesome. Back at school, Lainy's school lesson on "Romeo and Juliet" turns darkly cynical.

Things are even worse when Lainy's married best friend (Jillian Bell) divulges that she's pregnant. "Get rid of it!" blurts Lainy before apologizing. When the pair later go clothes shopping, Lainy absent-mindedly tries on belly padding. The saleswoman is instantly nice to her, offering a burrito and a foot rub. "Who's the father?" she asks. "Doordash," responds Lainy before adding, "driver."

Much of the fun in "Kinda Pregnant" is watching Lainy come up with increasingly ridiculous lies as she tries to pull off the pregnant act. (After accidentally picking Thanksgiving as her time of inception, Lainy digs a deeper hole by suggesting it happened at "a Black Friday Eve sale.")

But the ruse becomes more difficult when she, during a pregnant workout class, meets a woman (Brianne Howey, refreshingly authentic) she genuinely likes and wants to be friends with.

Even more complicated: Lainy starts falling for another guy she first meets at a coffee shop (Will Forte).

In a movie filled with funny people (others include Urzila Carlson as a guidance counselor, and Alex Moffat as a idiotic father-to-be), Forte is an especially good presence in "Kinda Pregnant." For a performer of such madcap absurdity, Forte fits in remarkably naturally in a more rom-com setting. He's also got a wonderfully ridiculous occupation, even by rom-com standards, driving a Zamboni in Central Park.

You can probably guess how "Kinda Pregnant" goes from here. Director Tyler Spindel, nephew to Adam Sandler (a producer on the film), doesn't do anything to advance the movie comedy, a languishing proposition in recent years with few big-screen exceptions. But he crucially gives his performers plenty of space to be themselves, and Lainy's desperate desire to have a family comes across as both over-the-top and genuine. If "Knocked Up" captured the comedy of getting unexpectedly pregnant, "Kinda Pregnant" embodies the pain of wishing you were.

"Kinda Pregnant," a Netflix release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for sexual content, language throughout and drug use. Running time: 97 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

SWEETHEART PANCAKES

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups Original Bisquick™ mix
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon red liquid food color
- Powdered sugar, if desired
- Candy sprinkles, if desired

FROM THE HEART - Who doesn't love heart-shaped pancakes on Valentine's Day? Something about a few pink and red hearts makes breakfast sweeter—especially when they take just 20 minutes to make like these lovely little Sweetheart Pancakes from Bisquick. Whether you're whipping up a batch for your loved ones or just treating yourself to your own stack of happy hearts, these easy pancakes are sure to delight. Home chefs can spread the love all year round with more heart-shaped goodies from Cooking.com to produce adorable, heart-shaped treats for their Valentines all year long.

STEPS

1. In large bowl, stir Bisquick mix, granulated sugar, milk and eggs with whisk until well blended. Divide batter between 2 medium bowls; stir food color into 1 bowl.

2. Heat griddle or skillet over medium-high heat (375°F). (To test griddle, sprinkle with a few drops of water. If bubbles jump around, heat is just right.) Brush with vegetable oil if necessary (or spray with cooking spray before heating).

3. For each pancake, starting with the white batter, pour 1/4 cup batter onto hot griddle. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until bubbles form on top and edges are dry. Turn; cook other side until golden brown. Repeat with red batter.

4. Using 3- to 3 1/2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter, cut one shape from each warm pancake. Place cutout shapes in opposite color pancakes. Decorate with powdered sugar and candy sprinkles.

EXPERT TIPS

- For uniformly sized pancakes, pour the batter from an ice cream scoop or 1/4-cup measuring cup.
- Serve with fresh-squeezed orange juice and fresh fruit for the perfect breakfast for your loved ones.

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• Duffy FROM B-1

"When former students remain in contact and tell me about their future plans and dreams, I feel honored to have played a role in the shaping of young people. Recently, a former student messaged me that they will begin their student teaching in the fall. Everything in this profession comes full circle if you are intentional about your teaching philosophy."

Of course, teaching also brings with it many challenges and obstacles. So many schools are underfunded and so many teachers are underpaid. Sometimes, teachers just need more help. Duffy joked that her biggest challenge involved the "inability to clone (herself).

"I don't have octopus arms though it would be easier. It is difficult knowing there is always more to be done for our students but you are one teacher with so many hours in the day. I am so grateful I have a wonderful community and support from my school and patient students."

This is the Wilmington resident's seventh year as a teacher, as she previously spent a year in Madrid, Spain after she graduated college and also worked in Littleton.

Teaching is so many things including adapting to the times. Gone are the days of textbooks, replaced by technology like computers, laptops, iPads, and smartphones. Duffy is no stranger to this development, even in her life as a student. She recalls the popularity of smartphones during her years in high school, even though they were prohibited in class.

Once she began teaching several years later, Duffy heard the adage: "if they have to use it, they can't abuse it." That led her to the realization of cultivating a classroom with these technological additions instead of without them.

"With access to technology, my students from across the world can connect with each other instantly," the Wilmington resident said. "At the same time, students learn how to navigate the internet and utilize it to acquire language.

"Another example: I have a few students working on reading excerpts from 'I Am Malala.' I added a QR code to the text that students can scan. They can read along while they listen to my voice read the text. Students can acquire language skills without me working one to one with them."

Even with technology it's not always easy to reach every student. Some just need a little extra attention. How do teachers, then, manage to carve out time for everyone while still acknowledging those who need a little more?

Duffy calls her teaching philosophy "connection over content."

She added: "We all want to feel value and be seen. I always tell my students when I meet them: 'English will always be there to learn. You come first.' Imagine your teacher telling you that they see you, that you are valued, that you are bright and your interests are cool and matter.

"Which class is your favorite? You are going to connect with that teacher. And maybe the content mastery will follow. But if not, you have a lifelong mentorship."

Duffy said, to those thinking about pursuing the profession, they should "teach if they want to learn." She noted how education happens once the student becomes the teacher. She also sad, quoting American philosopher, psychologist and educational reformer John Dewey, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

Of course, part of life involves navigation. In teaching that could mean navigating the budget and using whatever resources are available. It could also mean navigating the rules of what can and cannot be taught (or read). This is especially true for Duffy, as she helps young people better understand and master the English language.

"The power of education is not in teaching what to believe, but rather how to believe," she said. "I provide students with the resources and tools to be successful language students inside and outside the classroom.

"With their language acquisition, learners take charge of their own learning and acquire literacy. Good literacy gives learners the skills to read media and interpret it. My only hope as an educator is that I guide students to make informed, responsible decisions about the information they are obtaining."

For those interested in supporting Duffy in her quest to become American's Favorite Teacher, voting begins on Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Visit her profile and vote here: https://americasfavteacher.org/2025/jacquelyn-duffy.

If she wins, Duffy said she would like to enroll in language classes to acquire her students' languages.

"Language barriers are intimidating: if I could communicate with them, I could bridge gaps and support them outside the classroom," she acknowledged. "Our school has recently begun a multilingual program this year, and we are excited to continue growing. In addition, classroom books leveled for English 1 learners would be a great asset to increase literacy."

Lastly, she said she would spend some of the money on surf lessons in Hawaii.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Local resident charged with second offense of OUI liquor

Monday, February 3

12:45 a.m. - A 911 hangup at Euclid Road with no answer on the call back and unable to leave a voicemail. Police sent and reported confirmed accidental from the resident.

9:52 a.m. - Caller reported the snow bank was too high at Main Street and Marshall Street intersection. Caller believed it was a road hazard. Police requested the DPW, and the DPW took care of the snow bank.

11:02 a.m. - Parking lot security reported a truck in the parking lot of Walmart refusing to leave. Caller reported truck was parked at the entrance and said "Barr-Nunn" on the side. Police sent. All units cleared. The truck driver would be leaving at noon when he was able to move it. Manager approved the vehicle staying there.

3:07 p.m. - Caller stated he was treated by a worker at Motel 6. The parents made statements that they would file false statements. The worker advised to go into the station to speak with officers. Officer sent and filed a report.

3:49 p.m. - Someone threatened to beat the walk-in party up at TCB Contracting. Police sent. Duran McNeill, 41, of 1009 Chandler St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on 60+ /disabled, threats to commit crime, and assault and battery.

6:34 p.m. - A 911 caller reported someone threw a bicycle into her car at Mahoney's Too. Male party wearing a flannel shirt possibly headed toward Heatherwood. Police sent. They were out with that party behind Jon Ryans. The party was on his way. Officer filed a report.

Tuesday, February 4

8:44 a.m. - Parking lot security reported the male subject from the incident yesterday was in the parking lot of the Walmart. Caller reported party was between aisles. Police sent. It was a different male.

2:59 pm - A 911 hang up from a cell phone in the parking lot of Market Basket south, no answer on call back. Police sent and checked the area, but nothing was found.

4:42 p.m. - Stolen Air Pods tracked to South Street. Police sent. No one was home at this time. The son posted on the lost and found page. After finding them at Shawsheen Technology, father would call when he got home.

6:12 p.m. - Caller reported a dog barking at Whittenmore Woods. No lights were on. Police sent. Homeowners were bringing the dog in.

Wednesday, February 5

11:52 a.m. - Caller stated white Toyota van parked outside and last week it was a red Toyota van at Leon Road. The caller asked for a private investigator to see if it was still him. Police sent. Private investigator called in, but he was not there. The police checked the area, but gone on arrival.

3:22 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver crossing the double yellow line at Main Street and Shawsheen Street. Police sent and officer filed a report.

7:50 p.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle with suspicious activity at Route 495 south. Officer filed a report.

Thursday, February 6

3:23 p.m. - Caller reported a male in a blue sweatshirt walking around unregistered trying to sell solar panels at Redgate Road. Police sent, but gone on arrival.

4:37 p.m. - Campus police called about a car off the road at Strongwater Farm. Police sent. Wayne Olson, 69, 100 Corinne Way in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, marked lanes violation, and neglect operation of motor vehicle.

5:16 p.m. - A 911 hang up at Fieldstone Circle. On call back, no answer. Police sent and it was confirmed that it was accidental.

6:36 p.m. - Caller stated he got in an argument with his landlord about his vehicle being towed then go assaulted at Archstone Avenue. This happened about two hours ago. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

Friday, February 7

12:03 a.m. - Visitor at Ames Hill Drive reported a tow truck driver drove around with lights off, flashing lights at random vehicles for 20 minutes. Police sent. They confirmed that it was the tow company that patrols the lots for parking violation.

8:55 a.m. - The walk-in party reported she was harassed by a male party operating the Starbuck's vehicle. Male got upset after an incident in the parking lot and followed the female to the gas station next door. He made threats that he saw her vanity plate and would find her and her husband. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

9:51 a.m. - Caller reported a small hatchback was taking pictures from the roadway of houses at Tomahawk Drive. When asked what they were doing, they left the area. Police sent. They checked the area and spoke with the neighbors, who reported they did not see anything suspicious.

4:44 p.m. - An employee at Tewksbury State Hospital would like to speak to officers about an assault by a patient with no injuries. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Saturday, February 8

1:36 a.m. - Loud music came out of somewhere on Leghorn Lane, possibly number 9. Police sent and they checked the. area. No noise in the area and road in complete darkness.

9:32 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a shoplifter, Hispanic male wearing all black taking facial care items at CVS north. Party has a blue bag. Police sent. Megan Murphy, 35, of 19 Horseshoe Drive in Litchfield, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

1:01 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a person in the back seat of the van yelling and hitting the window at Ocean State Job Lot. Police sent. The van belonged to a group home for autistic adults and it was just a female who was hungry in the back.

1:33 p.m. - Lost prevention stated a male party was a stealing merchandise and they had an open case against him at Marshall's. Police sent. Jimmy Tirado, 48 of 189 Middlesex St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for stolen property and larceny under $1,200.

9:08 p.m. - A 911 hang up at Whipple Road and Pleasant Street. On the call back, a female was crying and kept hanging up the phone. Police sent. Rachel Perry, 33, of 132 Vernon St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor, possess open container of alcohol, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

Sunday, February 9

11:02 a.m. - Caller reported she received a threatening email two nights ago from an unknown source regarding things that were going on with her at Stonebury Way. Caller stated the email was an inquiry for person information or/and money. She ignored the email and did not send any money. Caller would come to the station tomorrow after work due to the inclement weather.

Wilmington Police Log

Road rage incident on Evergreen Drive

Friday, Jan. 31:

9:40 a.m.: Edwin Joel Alcantara of 40 Coolidge St., Apt. #2, in Lawrence, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This followed a stop of his gray 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee on West Street.

1:08 p.m.: A man was struck by a brown 2011 Toyota Corolla near the Market Basket on Main Street. The Fire Department transported the man to Lahey Medical Center.

8:46 p.m.: A silver 2021 Lexus RX was involved in a motor vehicle collision with an ambulance in the parking lot of the Shriners Auditorium on Fordham Road.

Saturday, Feb. 1:

1:34 p.m.: Staff at the Milestone Group Home on High Street reported that a client had walked away from the program. The juvenile in question was located at the Dunkin' Donuts on Middlesex Avenue, where they stated they were attempting to make arrangements for their parents to pick them up, which the staff accepted.

5:45 p.m.: A caller on West Street reported his neighbor came over, knocked on his door, and began yelling at him and his wife. The caller reported that he plows his neighbors' driveways, usually including theirs, but for some reason the neighbor was mad about it.

11:26 p.m.: A caller on Evergreen Drive reported that he was driving behind a vehicle that kept brake checking his, and after some time the driver came out and slapped him. He then continued to follow the vehicle to get its plate, and eventually the driver came out again and punched him.

Sunday, Feb. 2:

1:27 p.m.: A white 2023 Honda Accord and a gray 2017 Toyota Sienna were involved in a motor vehicle accident on the I-93 NB 35. No injuries were reported, but airbags were deployed. State police handled the situation.

5:13 p.m.: A caller on Burnap Street reported a juvenile out on the ice of Silver Lake carrying a snow tube. Police advised people playing hockey nearby on the Pond Street side to be careful.

Monday, Feb. 3:

7:38 a.m.: Two callers at the Ultra Flex Gym on Ballardvale Street reported that they were verbally threatened by the other, with one caller at the doorway and the other waiting for officers at the back. Police were able to restore the peace.

11:46 a.m.: A police officer witnessed a motor vehicle accident between a blue 2017 Chevy Silverado and a white 2025 Mitsubishi Outlander on Main Street.

8:45 p.m.: A caller on Kermit Street reported that an Amazon driver had abandoned their vehicle in their driveway about two hours beforehand. Officers made calls to Amazon, who stated they had a tow for the vehicle en route.

Tuesday, Feb. 4:

11:36 a.m.: An employee at Triton Car Wash on Main Street reported that a red 2022 Ram 3500 damaged a self service wash bay. The truck's owner was notified and information was exchanged for insurance.

10:16 p.m.: A caller at the Ultra Flex Gym on Ballardvale Street asked for advice on what to do with a person who was removed from the premises, told that his membership was revoked and that he wasn't allowed to return. Police advised to report back if he returned.

Wednesday, Feb. 5:

12:28 p.m.: A resident on Forest Street reported that he found a firearm in his yard, and was unsure if it was real. Police determined it was a highly detailed miniature and not dangerous, and the resident opted to keep it for himself.

4:10 p.m.: Kelly A Imbody of 4 Doyle Ave., in Billerica, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a license revoked for OUI and failure to yield at an intersection. This followed a motor vehicle accident involving her gray 2006 Chrysler 300 and a yellow 2006 Toyota Rav4 where two people were injured.

7:08 p.m.: A caller on Oakdale Road reported a suspicious man walking up to a house that's up for sale and trying to open the front door, and was reported as driving a gray Lexus sedan. Police found no signs of forced entry.

Thursday, Feb. 6:

6:07 a.m.: David Louis Cruz of 356 S Union St., in Lawrence, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended or revoked registration and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of his black 2011 BMW 535XI near the 99 Restaurant on Lowell Street.

9:07 a.m.: A caller on Faulkner Ave. reported that a delivery truck took down their fence and drove on to Beverly. The situation ended up being a misunderstanding, and the parties exchanged information.

Public Health Museum

Jamaica Plain campus renamed in honor of Dr. Alfred DeMaria, Jr.

TEWKSBURY — The Public Health Museum in Massachusetts is pleased to announce that long time board member and former president Dr. Al DeMaria has been recognized for his contributions to public health through the passage of An Act Relative to the Designation of the State Public Health Laboratory Campus in Honor of Dr. Alfred DeMaria, Jr. (H. 5063).

This legislation officially names the state public health department campus in Jamaica Plain as "The Dr. Alfred DeMaria, Jr. Campus."

During his distinguished career, Dr. DeMaria served as the Commonwealth's state epidemiologist, chief infectious disease medical officer, and assistant commissioner of the Department of Public Health.

A dedicated public health leader, Dr. DeMaria is a sought-after expert on the history of infectious disease prevention and control, and champion of local and global public health.

In addition to his professional achievements, Dr. DeMaria has been a core contributor to numerous public health and medical organizations. As subject matter expert for the Public Health Museum, Dr. DeMaria has lent his expertise to exhibit management and programming, educating the public and inspiring students to pursue careers in public health.

His leadership, compassion, and commitment to public health have left an enduring impact on our state and beyond.

About The Public Health Museum

Celebrating 30 years of educating the public and inspiring future professionals, the museum explores the history of public health through artifacts and exhibits.

Learn about Infectious Diseases, Patent Medicines, Food Safety and Pasteurization, early Mental Health, Nursing/ Education, early Dentistry, HIV/AIDs and more.

The museum also features an iron lung; a life-saving machine for those stricken with polio. Tours and more at *public healthmuseum.org*

Katherine Murphy named to President's List at Mississippi State University

MISSISSIPPI STATE, MS — **Katherine Murphy, of Wilmington,** was named to the Mississippi State University fall 2024 President's List.

Murphy is among 4,569 students who have attained this honor. Students on the President's List achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

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Wilmington SPORTS

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Ryan Archer moves the puck for the Wildcats.
(Doug Hastings photo)

Boys hockey keeps working hard

Wildcats fall to Watertown, but readying for playoffs

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Playing in the Middlesex League with a smaller, younger hockey squad always has some good news/bad news scenarios.

The bad news, of course, is regularly-scheduled games against squads such as Arlington, Woburn, Winchester and Reading, some of the state's top Div. 1 and Div. 2 programs.

The good news?

Once the state tournament rolls around, the smaller programs like the Wilmington High boys don't have to contend with the larger teams.

The playing field gets evened, so to speak.

Last year, despite a 6-12-2 overall record, the Wildcats were rewarded with a No. 7 seed in the Div. 4 state tournament.

After beating Fitchburg by a 4-1 score in Round 1 of the playoffs, the Wildcats eventually lost to Stoneham in the Sweet 16, quite the landing spot for a team with a winning percentage hovering around .350.

This winter, WHS has a 4-12 overall record and currently sits as the sixth seed in Div. 4.

On Jan. 29, Wilmington lost in overtime by a 4-3 score to Reading, one of the top Div. 1 teams around this winter, and followed that up with a 4-0 win over Wakefield.

Last week, the Wildcats lost to Stoneham on Wednesday before a 4-2 defeat at the hands of Watertown on Saturday in Tewksbury.

In the Reading game, RMHS senior captain Nate Mulvey was the hero for the Rockets as his snipe in overtime gave Reading the win.

The game was tied at one heading into the third period when both teams exchanged goals sending it into extra frames.

Wilmington goalie Tyler Marinho played well, finishing the night with 49 saves in net.

Reading came out and instantly put the pressure on Marinho with a flurry of shots early on. The Wildcats could not get much going offensively in the period as the Rockets held them to just two shots on net.

At 13:52 of the first period, Reading got on the board first with a snipe from the point off the stick of junior Nate Vitarisi. Jack Barry and Ian Leonard each assisted on the play to put Reading up 1-0.

It only took 18 seconds for Wilmington to go the other way and tie it as sophomore Ryan Archer scored on a nice feed from Nate Anderson to tie the game at one.

Reading continued to keep the pressure on for the remainder of the period and finished with 17 shots on goal.

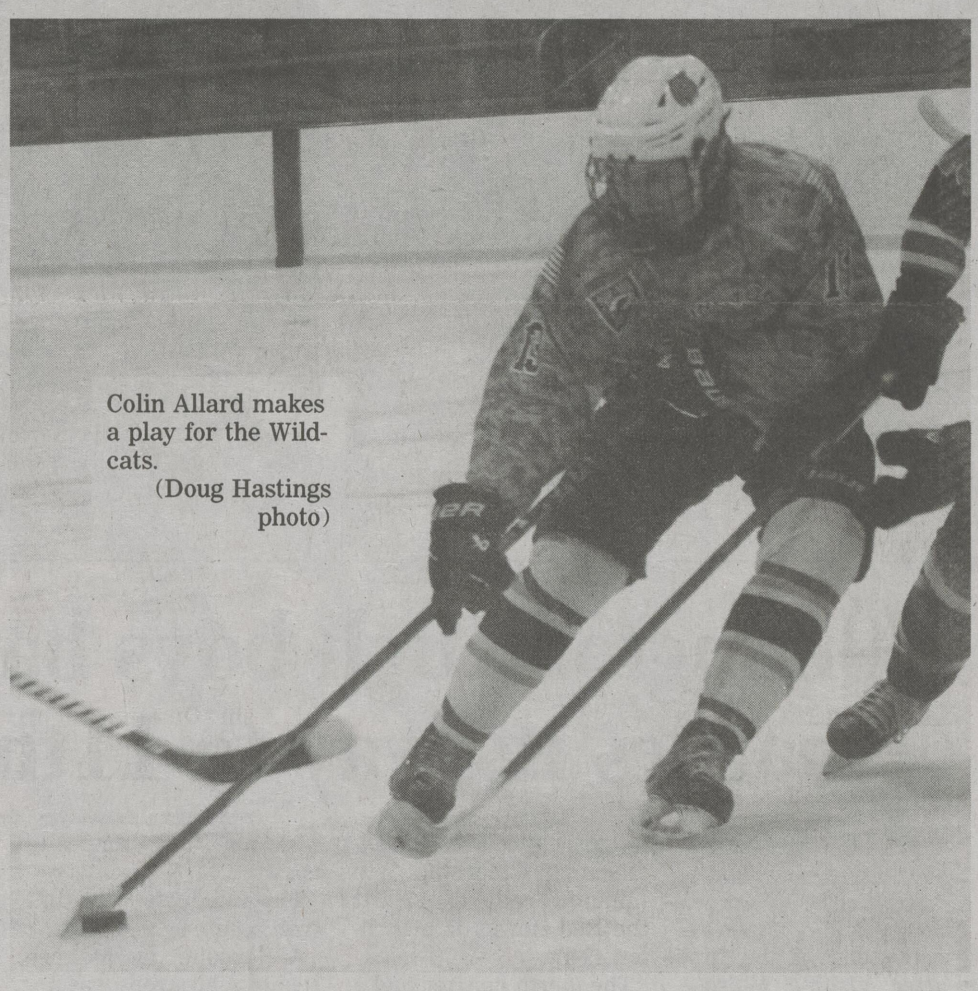
Wilmington got an early power play chance in the second hoping to take the lead, but the Rockets held them to only one shot, keeping the game tied.

Both teams had some quality chances during the second, but neither could find the back of the net as Marinho continued to dazzle with 16 more saves and Reading goalie Owen Holland stopped all five that came his way.

The game went into the final period tied at one as despite the Rockets having 33 shots after two, only had one goal to show for it.

That all changed at 6:38 of the third when Vitarisi all alone grabbed the puck and fired one past Marinho for his second of the game to give Reading the 2-1 advantage.

This time it took only 22 seconds for the Wildcats to tie the game at two. Archer scored his second of the game as Reading found itself scrambling.



Colin Allard makes a play for the Wildcats.
(Doug Hastings photo)

A little over a minute later, junior Nolan Sullivan found the back of the net on a rebound shot to once again put the Rockets in front 3-2.

It started to look like Reading had this one despite clinging to a one-goal lead, but the Wildcats found a way to score again.

With a little over a minute remaining, the Wildcats got a goal from Colin Allard to tie the game at three.

In overtime, the action was back and forth for the first couple of minutes with both sides competing hard but with a little over a minute to go, Mulvey came in clutch for the Rockets to hold off Wilmington and win their 10th of the season.

On Saturday against Watertown, Wilmington played from behind throughout the contest, tying the game at 1-1 and 2-2 before the Raiders scored the eventual game winner with just three minutes to go.

Watertown added an empty-net goal in the closing seconds.

Wilmington was led by its defense, including Marinho in net and the defensive pairings of junior Colin Allard and senior Tyler Florencio and sophomore Nate Anderson and sophomore Maxwell Bagtaz.

Senior Luke Galizio put the Raiders up 1-0 at 6:22 of the second period.

Wilmington tied it at 9:27 when Archer skated down the right boards, hopping over the stick of a Watertown defender, before finding teammate Matt O'Brien in front, who one-timed a shot into the Raider goal to tie the score.

Anderson also had an assist on the play.

Watertown regained the lead with just 33 seconds left in the second period with a power play goal.

Freshman Mikey Philbin knocked in the rebound of a shot by senior Domenic Moynihan.

Wilmington threatened to tie the game in the third period.

Junior Emrick O'Brien made a steal in the Wildcat zone and skated the length of the ice before taking a shot that was saved.

At 6:35, Wilmington went on the power play and hit the post with a shot.

Finally, at 9:44, senior Jake Tucker tied the score for Wilmington.

Just over two minutes later, however, senior Shane Desmond finished a pass from senior Jack Gavron.

Also playing well offensively for the Wildcats was junior Derek Perault, sophomore Nate Murphy, junior Brady Cabral, senior Nick DiGiovanni and senior Brennan Walsh.

After visiting Melrose on Wednesday, the boys go to Burlington for a Friday game at 8 p.m. The regular season concludes Feb. 19 in Tewksbury against the Redmen at 7:15 p.m.

Matt O'Brien scored a goal on Saturday against Watertown.
(Doug Hastings photo)

Wildcats roll on Senior Night

Girls basketball team erupts for 43 second-half points in win over Melrose

By DOUG HASTINGS
Sports Correspondent

Friday's Senior Night for the Wilmington High girls basketball team couldn't have followed a better script for the Wildcats.

In the midst of a season that hasn't yielded much good luck for the WHS girls, Friday's game saw Wilmington lead by one after the first quarter and take a five-point lead into halftime.

Then, over the final 16 minutes, the Wildcats simply erupted.

It was almost as if the team saved all of its best stuff for a night to celebrate its seniors.

In the end, after outscoring the Red Hawks by a 43-22 margin in the second half, Wilmington won by a 61-35 score.

The four WHS seniors, Jill Collins, Alle Delgenio, Eva Boudreau and Kimmy Kane, all started.

The first eight minutes saw seven lead changes and Wilmington led by an 8-7 score.

Boudreau and Gillis had four points apiece in the quarter while Delgenio helped set up the go-ahead basket with a nice pass to junior Summer Sands, who then found Gillis wide open on the fast break.

Down 9-8 in the opening moments of quarter No. 2, the 'Cats used a 7-0 run to take a lead that they wouldn't surrender.

Boudreau finished a nice pass from junior Leah Murphy to start the run before junior Erin McCarthy hit two foul shots following Murphy's excellent feed.

The Wilmington defense was keeping Melrose at bay as Collins, Delgenio and McCarthy all made plays to slow the Hawks down. Sands had an excellent blocked shot as well.

A 3-pointer by Boudreau pushed the lead to six and WHS led 18-13 at halftime, boosted by a Gillis basket after a steal and pass by Delgenio.

Boudreau's 22 points led Wilmington, McCarthy scored 12 before leaving with a shoulder injury in the fourth quarter and junior Charlotte Forcina ended up with nine points behind three 3-pointers.

▲ Kimmy Kane guards a pass against Melrose. (Doug Hastings)

Collins scored eight points while Kane and Delgenio also scored two points each.

While Delgenio only had a third-quarter bucket, her all-around play sparked Wilmington's prolific second half.

WHS started the third quarter with a 14-2 surge to take a 32-15 lead with 3:25 to go in the stanza.

Boudreau had seven of the points including a 3-pointer and a layup courtesy of a crowd-pleasing assist by Delgenio.

Sands had a basket and McCarthy hit a 3-pointer to force a Melrose timeout.

Wilmington's lead reached 19 three times in the third quarter before WHS led 40-23 with eight minutes to go.

A 12-0 run to open the fourth quarter stretched the lead to 29.

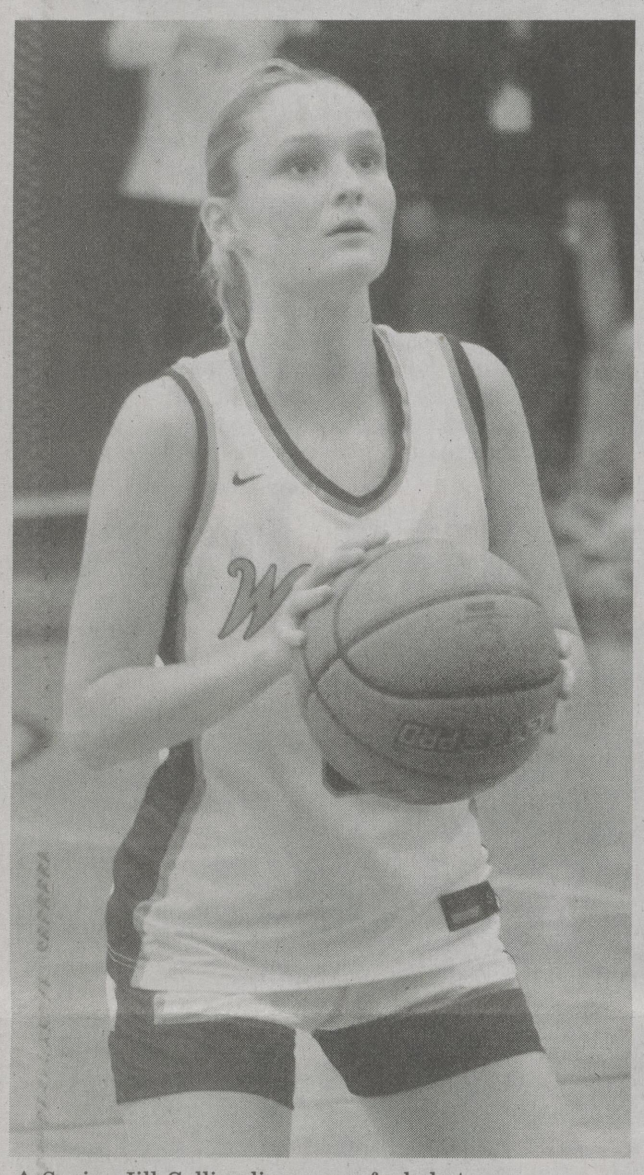
Boudreau and Forcina hit 3-pointers in the spurt, McCarthy had two baskets and Gillis chipped in with a layup to make it 52-23.

In the final minutes, Kane scored a nice inside hoop, freshman Samantha Nelson hit a pair of foul shots and freshman Jill Weinstein scored down low.

Junior Leah Langone and freshman Hanna Hadzic also saw good playing time in the final quarter.

WHS (4-12) played Burlington on Tuesday in a big Middlesex League Freedom Division clash before a Thursday game at home against Wakefield starting at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, the 'Cats host Archbishop Williams on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.



▲ Senior Jill Collins lines up a foul shot. (Doug Hastings)

◀ Erin McCarthy lines up a 3-pointer. (Doug Hastings)

Wilmington High boys basketball battles its way to 11th win

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At the end of the first quarter, visiting Melrose led the Wilmington High basketball team by a 13-4 score.

In years past, perhaps the Wildcats don't respond like they did last Friday at the WHS gym.

Put in a memorable game that kept the Wildcats in the hunt for a Middlesex League Freedom Division championship, Wilmington rallied to beat the Red Hawks in a thriller, 49-47.

The fourth quarter had a playoff atmosphere.

With the score tied 38-38, WHS junior Connor Sullivan drove in for a layup before junior Ryan Gray earned some space with a nasty crossover dribble and drew a foul while attempting a layup. Gray's two free throws made it 42-38 with four minutes to go.

The Wildcats wouldn't trail again.

A 3-pointer by Melrose senior John Arens was answered by WHS senior Ayden Balter, who put back an offensive rebound.

After Gray drew a charge on Hawk senior John Lamas, Balter scored inside for a 46-41 advantage.

Melrose senior Owen Mujalli hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to two, but Sullivan hit a pair of free throws with 1:33 remaining to put Wilmington in front, 48-44.

The Red Hawks committed a backcourt violation, giving the ball back to Wilmington, but a steal by Melrose senior Nolan Natale set up a 3-pointer by Mujalli with 47 seconds to go, making the score 48-47.

In the final minute, each team had chances to score.

Senior Divine Abonghagbonse had a big block for the Hawks and set up a possible go-ahead basket, but Melrose couldn't score.

Gray took a shot for the 'Cats and missed, but Balter grabbed a huge offensive rebound to take some time off the clock. Melrose fouled and then made a steal after the inbounds play by WHS, but Mujalli stepped out of bounds with two seconds to go.

Sullivan was fouled and hit one free throw with 1.6 seconds remaining and Arens' halfcourt heave as time expired fell short.

Wilmington opened the second quarter with an 8-2 surge.

Sullivan scored on a layup, Balter put back a rebound and Gray drained a 3-pointer to make it 15-11.

After a foul shot by junior Roman Synnott following a nifty pass from junior Noah Titterington, baskets by Sullivan and Gray made it a one-point game, 17-16.

The Hawks finished the half with an 8-2 surge, giving them a 25-18 lead.

The Wildcats would outscore Melrose by a 20-11 margin in the third quarter to take a 38-36 lead heading into the fourth.

A basket by Balter, a long 3-pointer from junior Will Poyant and a hoop by Gray cut Melrose's lead to one (26-25) and a Gray free throw tied it.

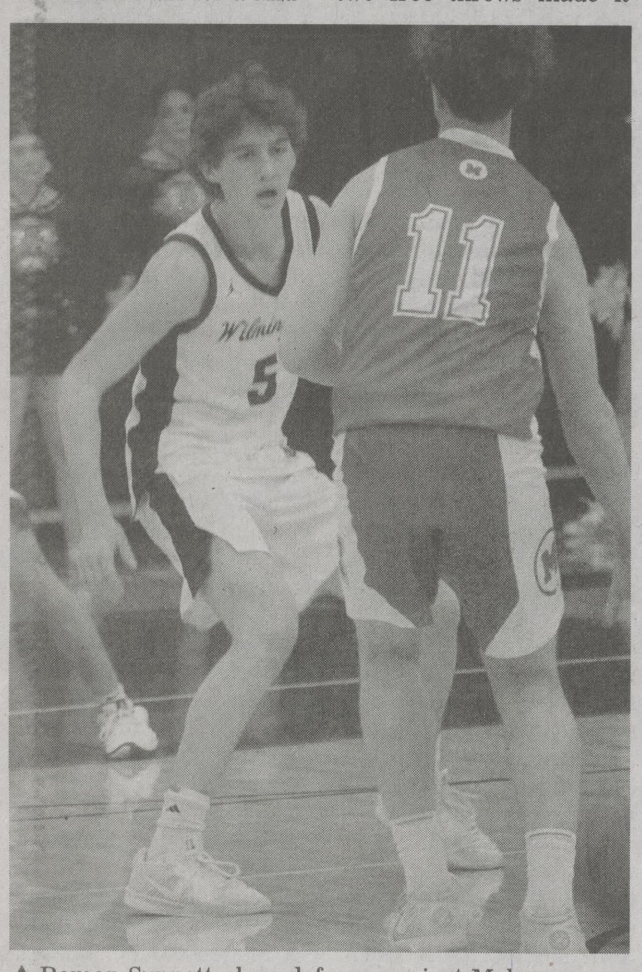
The Hawks regained the lead and had a 32-29 advantage when the Wildcats used a 9-2 surge to pull ahead.

Gray, Poyant and Gray hit consecutive 3-pointers for Wilmington, Poyant's after an outstanding offensive rebound by Synnott, and Gray's after he tracked down a miss of his own shot.

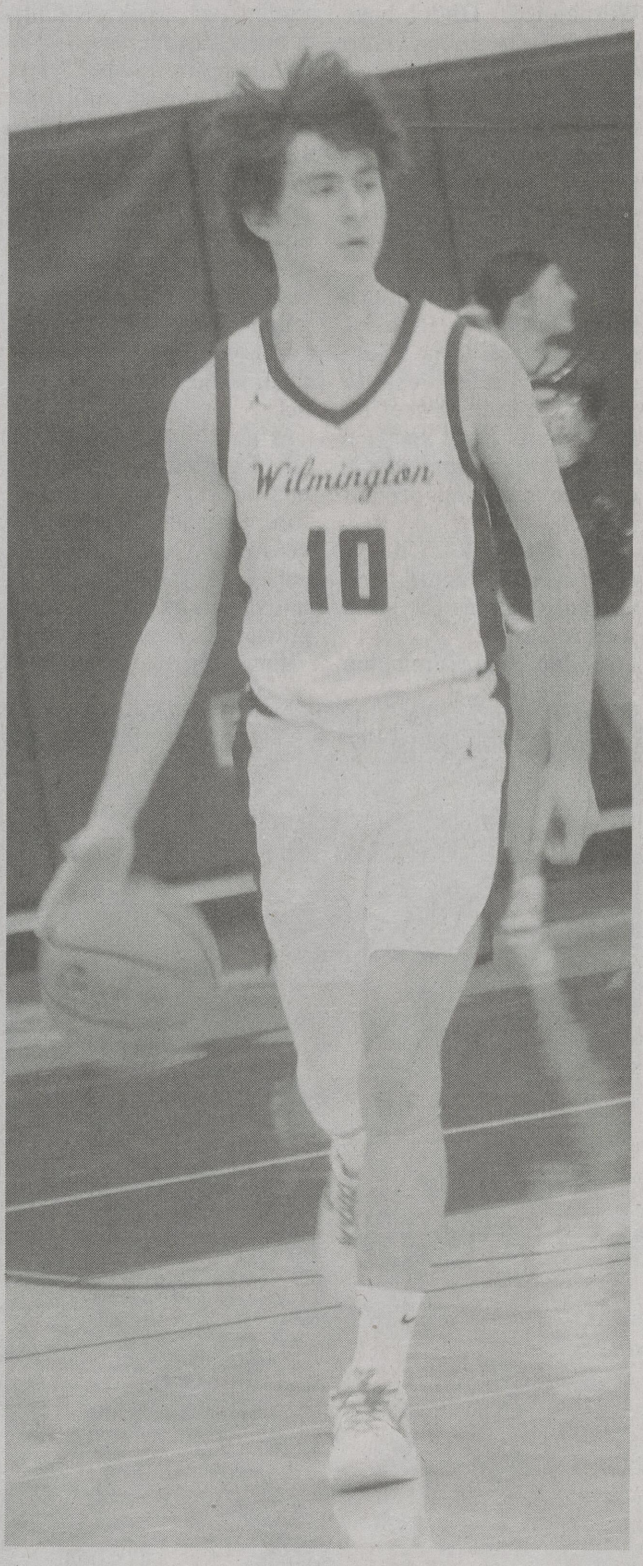
Wilmington's rally set up the exciting fourth quarter.

Gray led WHS with 19 points, Sullivan scored 11 and Balter finished with 10. Mujalli led Melrose with 15 points and Arens contributed 13.

The Wildcats, who lost last week to Watertown in overtime, bring an 11-6 record into a Tuesday home game against Burlington at 7 p.m. and a Thursday visit from Wakefield.



▲ Roman Synnott plays defense against Melrose. (Doug Hastings photo)



▲ Connor Sullivan and the Wildcats beat the Red Hawks last week. (Doug Hastings photo)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Boys basketball on brink of league title

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With three more victories, the Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team improved its record to 15-2 overall, likely locked up a spot in the state's vocational tournament and put itself one step away from clinching at least a share of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship.

And oh by the way, senior Franck Moron of Billerica became Shawsheen's seventh all-time 1,000-point scorer in his team's overtime win against Greater Lawrence.

"He's one of the best players to step on the court every single game," said Ram coach Joe Gore. "He can play and score with the best of them."

The scoring part? Now it's official — and historic.

Moron is the fourth Ram boy to get to 1,000. The last one? Coach Gore back in 2008.

The Rams played Whittier Tech on Tuesday and would clinch the league title with a win.

Shawsheen finishes the regular season with non-league contests against Bedford on Friday at Shawsheen and Reading next Tuesday in Reading at 7 p.m.

In an 80-34 win over Lowell Catholic last Thursday, Moron's 32 points led Shawsheen while senior Matt Breen added 19 and Dyllon Pratt scored eight.

In a 42-41 overtime win over Greater Lawrence, Moron and Breen led the way with 18 and 15 points, respectively.

Breen had all five of Shawsheen's overtime points.

On Monday, Shawsheen bear KIPP Academy by a 57-53 score in overtime.

Nate Jean-Francois led the Rams with 13 points, nine coming between the fourth quarter and overtime.

BOYS HOCKEY CRUISES TO VICTORY

The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team didn't waste any time in its game against Nashoba Tech/Greater Lawrence.

The Rams scored six first-period goals on the way to a 9-1 victory.

Senior Larry Cullity started the scoring just 2:15 into the game with a goal assisted by junior Justin Thibert.

Two minutes later, junior Charlie Shannon finished a pass from senior Dylan Higson to make it 2-0.

Higson scored next, assisted by senior Ben Gibbons, and junior Jacoby Patterson made it 4-0 with a goal assisted by freshman Josh Baker.

Baker scored Shawsheen's fifth goal, assisted by Shannon, and senior Darion Considine made it a six-goal lead with a goal assisted by freshman Kyle MacKeen.

After a scoreless second period, the Rams scored three more times in the third period.

MacKeen converted freshman Cam Banda's pass to make it 7-0.

Nashoba/GL scored its lone goal at 6:14, but Shawsheen would respond with two more rallies.

Cullity and junior Hunter Gervais had the Ram goals with Thibert and freshman Justin Harrington collecting assists.

Shawsheen faces Northeast Regional on Wednesday before a Thursday home game against Haverhill starting at 7:10 p.m.

The Rams conclude the regular season with a visit to Lexington on Sunday night at 7:15 p.m. and a game in Methuen on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Shawsheen is 11-3-1 overall and seeded 11 th in the state's Div. 3 power rankings.

▲ Franck Moron became Shawsheen's seventh all-time 1,000 point scorer last week. (Courtesy photo)

GIRLS HOOP KEEPS IMPROVING

It was a good week for the Shawsheen Tech girls basketball team.

After topping Northeast Regional in convincing fashion by a 31-14 score, Shawsheen played Cardinal Spellman on Monday night and lost a close contest, 32-28. The Rams lost to Spellman 44-23 earlier in the year, showing the team's improvement in recent weeks.

Shawsheen actually led Spellman 7-5 after the first quarter and 20-12 at halftime before the hosts rallied.

Spellman outscored Shawsheen by an 18-2 margin in the third quarter for a 30-22 lead.

The Rams had a comeback of their own in the fourth quarter, but fell just short.

Jailyn DiNuccio led Shawsheen with nine points, all in the second quarter, Krissi Macdonald scored five and Kristal Wells added four.

Shawsheen has four games left in the regular season starting Wednesday at home against Whittier before a trip to Haverhill on Friday to face Whittier Tech.

GIRLS HOCKEY EARNS WIN NO. 13

A 6-2 win over Acton-Boxborough improved the Shawsheen Tech/Bedford High girls hockey team's record to 13-3 overall on Saturday at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

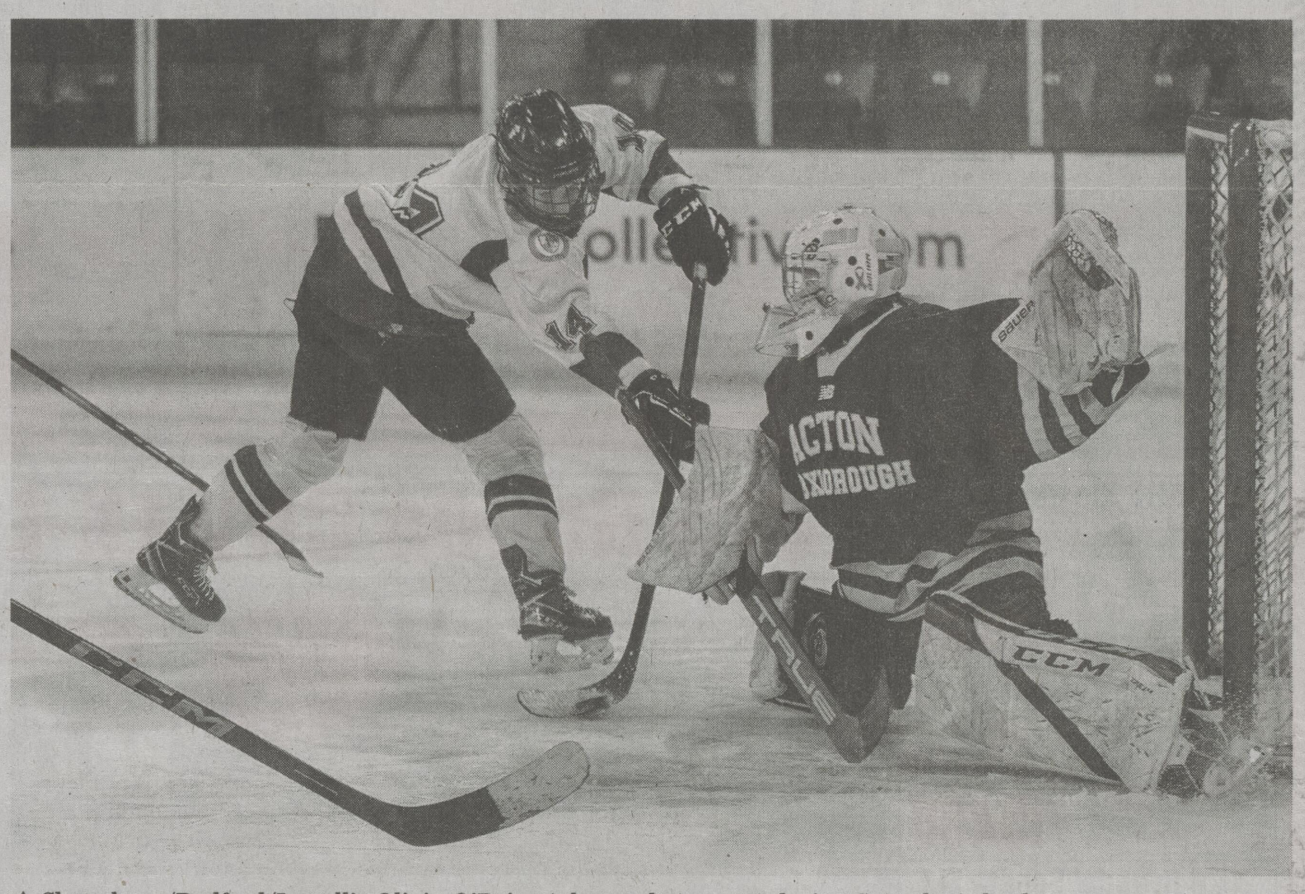
Sophia Demeo led the Ram offense with three goals and one assist while Becca Sobol had a goal and an assist.

Lucy Scoville and Maddie Akashian had Shawsheen's other goals.

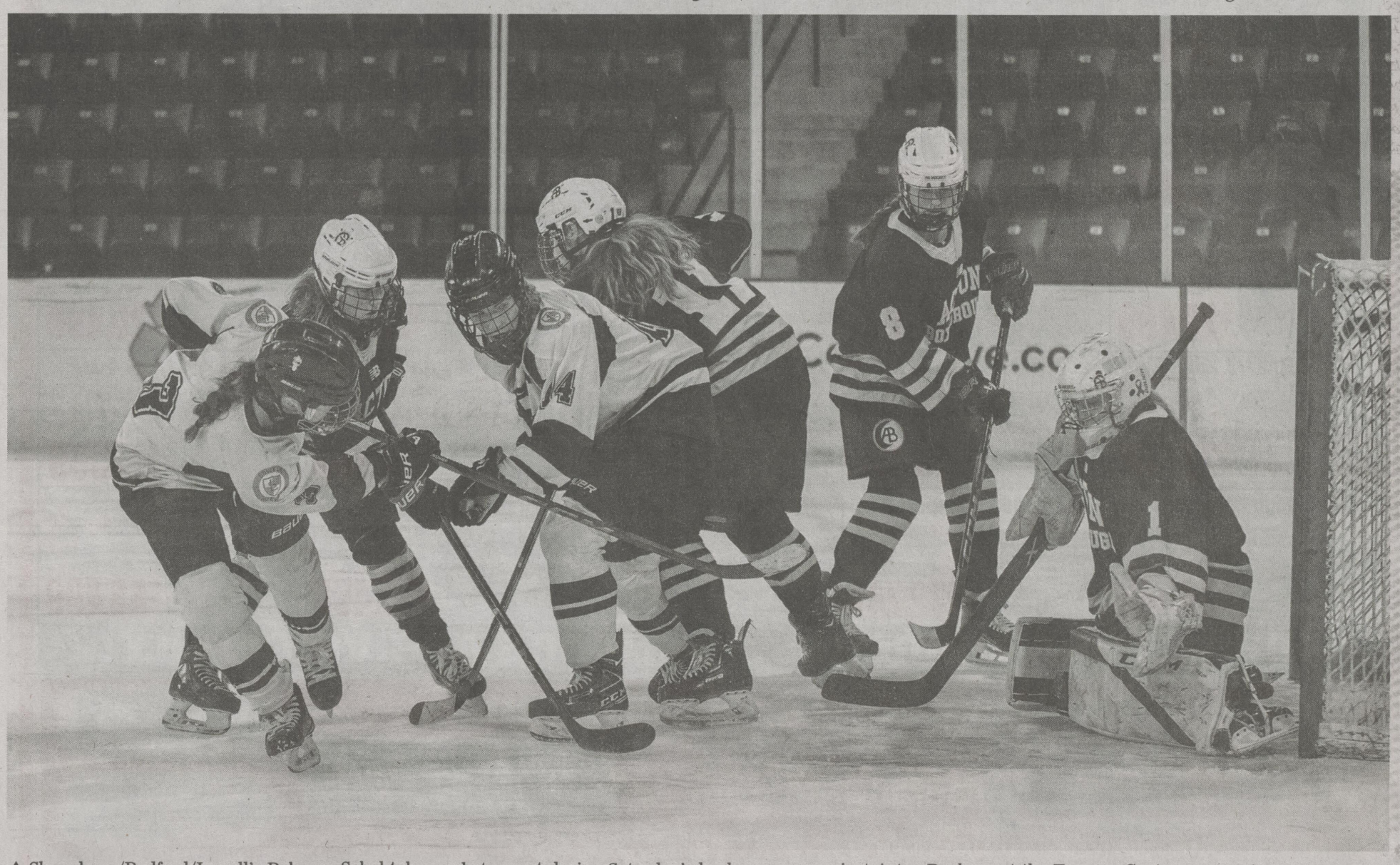
Corrine Foley chipped in with an assist.

The Rams have two games left in the regular season, another game at the Tsongas on Wednesday against Cambridge and a game the following Wednesday against Masconomet Regional.

▲ Shawsheen/Bedford/Lowell's Corrine Foley awaits the puck during Saturday's hockey game at the Tsongas Center. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Shawsheen/Bedford/Lowell's Olivia O'Brien takes a shot on net during Saturday's hockey game against Acton-Boxboro at the Tsongas Center. (Credit Image: James Thomas)



▲ Shawsheen/Bedford/Lowell's Rebecca Sobol takes a shot on net during Saturday's hockey game against Acton-Boxboro at the Tsongas Center. (Credit Image: James Thomas)

▲ Using apps like Merlin ID, free from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, amateur birders can contribute to the Great Backyard Bird Count 2025 by logging their sightings. Bird counts are collected over four days each February before large bird migrations begin. Data collected helps scientist understand population and pattern changes in birds. (Paige Impink photo)

Lifestyle

Get ready for the BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

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With avian flu circulating right now, it is more important than ever to help scientist capture population information about wild birds. The Great Backyard Bird Count, a collaboration of The Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, Birds Canada, the National Audubon society, and *BirdCount.org*, part of Wild Birds International, is one way that citizen bird watchers can help capture information about how bird are being affected, not only by H5N1, but also by impacts from a changing climate.

From Feb. 14-17, 2025, people are asked to look out their windows or go to their favorite bird watching location and write down every bird they see. Observations can be as short as 15 minutes in duration, or span the weekend. Some people even watch and count intermittently through the day on one or more days of the event.

Why February? Capturing population information before migrations start give scientists a stronger understanding of local impacts for both scientific and conservation purposes.

The easiest way to participate is to use a bird identification app for your phone, such as Merlin Bird ID or the eBird mobile app, both from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. These are free. There is also an eBird website for desktop or laptop use at *https://ebird.org/home*.

Once you decide where you will watch or listen for birds, you are asked to pin it on a map. Then observe for at least 15 minutes at least once, or ideally more, over the four-day data collection window.

Through a free account, your bird sighting data can be entered. Handy prompts will lead you through the process as you identify birds you observed. More advanced users can capture photos and recordings of birds and upload them as part of the count.

There are numerous ways to boost the value of observations for scientific benefit. For example, recording all birds, not just the major birds, helps the quality of data.

The Bird Count benefits from stationary observations vs. incidental sightings, for example, like at a sporting event outdoors. And it is just as important to list birds that you don't know more specifics about, such as "duck" or "hawk" so scientists can understand the composition of bird activity in an area.

Estimates of birds that are in large flocks can be done by counting a small square of birds and then multiplying by how many squares might cover the flock. And, if a rare species is spotted and not on your area's list, the GBBC will flag that entry and have it verified.

Participants create a checklist and enter a new list each day of the count. If a group is counting birds, it is requested that only one person submit the list for the whole team. It is important to note that only the counting of wild birds is valid. Sightings of dead birds does not tell the team where the bird was last alive, nor contributing factors to its death.

Printable checklists are available which can be helpful for carrying out to the field or use while sitting at a kitchen table. Birds can be observed from anywhere which makes this project so exciting and accessible for individuals, groups and families.

To register and create a free account, visit *www.birdcount.org*. It will be interesting to see how many sightings and entries from our area are logged.

Special note: In all cases, dead birds or wildlife should not be handled. Massachusetts has a form to report sightings of five or more sick or deceased birds. Use this link, as the state is closely monitoring for avian influenza. *https://www.mass.gov/forms/report-observations-of-dead-wild-birds.*

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Giasullo graduates from state firefighting academy

STOW — State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine and Massachusetts Firefighting Academy leadership announced the graduation of 29 firefighters from the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program. That includes **William Giasullo of Tewksbury.**

"Massachusetts firefighters are on the frontlines protecting their communities every day, and today's graduates are needed now more than ever," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "The hundreds of hours of foundational training they've received will provide them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely."

"Massachusetts Firefighting Academy instructors draw on decades of experience in the fire service to train new recruits," said Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Deputy Director Dennis A. Ball. "Through consistent classroom instruction and practical exercises, today's graduates have developed the tools they'll need to work seamlessly with veteran firefighters in their home departments and in neighboring communities as mutual aid."

The graduating firefighters of Class #327 represent the fire departments of Ashland, Auburn, Boxborough, Charlton, Douglas, Gloucester, Ipswich, Maynard, North Reading, Randolph, Salem, Tewksbury, Truro, Wakefield, Wayland, Winchester, and Woburn.

The Richard N. Bangs Outstanding Student Award, which is presented to one recruit in each graduating career recruit training class, was presented to Firefighter Joseph Gello of the Salem Fire Department. The award is named for the longtime chair of the Massachusetts Fire Training Council and reflects the recruit's academic and practical skills, testing, and evaluations over the course of the 10-week program.

Basic Firefighter Skills

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Career Recruit Program, all students have met the national standards of NFPA 1001, Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, and are certified to the levels of Firefighter I/II and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Today's Firefighters Do Much More than Fight Fires

Modern firefighters train for and respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to gas leaks to industrial chemical spills. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice, an office worker stuck in an elevator, or a motorist trapped in a crashed vehicle. They test and maintain their equipment, including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, recruits learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

The MFA provides recruit and in-service training for career, call, and volunteer firefighters at every level of experience, from recruit to chief officer, at campuses in Stow, Springfield, and Bridgewater.

Upcoming local events

February 3 - March 16, Belle of the Ball dress collection. Donate a dress or in other ways to provide prom dresses to help junior and senior girls feel great about themselves and enjoy their special school celebrations. Visit *antons.com/belle* for details. Local partners include Antons Cleaners, Jordans Furniture, and Enterprise Bank.

February 15, Wilmington Shriners Music Bingo, 6 - 11 p.m., Shriners Auditorium, $20 per ticket. Bring your own snacks. Cash bar. Prizes. Questions? *bostonveteran@gmail.com*

February 17-21, Tewksbury Recreation Center school vacation camp. Ages 7-13 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Games, crafts, indoor sports & more. There is a two-day minimum required for registration, but families may sign up for two, three, four, or five-day packages. Residents of the Town of Tewksbury do not need to be YMCA members to register for these programs. *www.tewksbury-ma.gov/tewksburyymca*

February 19, Tewksbury Public Library noon - 1:30 p.m., Feb. 25, 5 - 6 p.m., Feb. 26, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Book Blind Date. Pick up a book for $5 and support the Friends of the TPL. Events subject to weather.

The Greater Lowell YMCA will offer an indoor recreation camp for school vacation week **February 17-21** for children ages 7-13 at the Tewksbury Recreation Center at 286 Livingston St.

February 21, Tewksbury's Own Silvertones Dance Band, Tewksbury Senior Center, 7 - 10 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. With Vocalist BB Braxten. $10 at the door includes: Cake, Coffee & Tea. Bring your own munchies.

February 27, Tewksbury Indoor Community Market, 175 Chandler St. from 4 - 7 p.m. Visit the Tewksbury Senior Center and enjoy a winter market. Food vendors, artisans and community groups. Visit *tewksburymarket.com* for more details.

March 8, Dr. Sandy Creamer Johnson Foundation Annual Fundraiser, 1 - 5 p.m., Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks, 777 South St. Monies raised for scholarships.

March 11 - April 15, NAMI Basics (National Alliance on Mental Illness Massachusetts). Free course for parents and family caregivers of children and adolescents with emotional or behavioral issues. Sponsored by: Northeast Public Health Alliance. In-Person at Tewksbury Library — Meets weekly on Tuesdays, from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. To contact teachers: Dee at *deefebba@comcast.net* or Brian at *brian.sarr19@gmail.com*

March 14, Friends of the Elderly Trivia & Tunes with Vin Pasacreta, 1 to 3 p.m. Games are played by teams of four to five, so bring your friends or join a team when you get there. There will be two games with prizes for the winners! Sinatra, the Supremes and Elvis! Lite snacks provided or bring your own. Sign up at the Senior Center M-T-W. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Tewksbury Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Call the senior center with any questions 978-640-4480.

March 24, Vic's Waffle House, Breakfast for Dinner for the Friends of the Library, 3 - 6 p.m.

September 13, 2025- Wilmington High School Class of 1975 50th reunion, live band, dancing, buffet dinner, cash bar. Pay by April 1 — $85, April 2 - July 1 — $90, July 2 through last minute walk-ins — $95. Register and pay at: *https://my.cheddarup.com/c/high-school-class-reunion-temp-65333/items?cart* Questions? Steve Brander *skbrander@gmail.com* Reunion Organizers: Steve Brander/Vin Scifo/Helen Ryba

Shawsheen Valley Tech celebrates outstanding students at annual Citizenship Award ceremonies

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School proudly hosted its annual Citizenship Award ceremonies, a two-night tradition recognizing students who exemplify the school's core values of Respect, Integrity, and Accountability.

This year, 134 exceptional students from Shawsheen's 1,300 student body were honored for their commitment to these principles.

Organized by the dean's office, the event is a highlight of the school year, celebrating students who set an example of leadership and character. Honorees were nominated for demonstrating Shawsheen's core values, with one student selected from each grade within every vocational program, as well as one student from each academic course.

Assistant principal Kevin Caruso and principal Jessica Cook led the ceremonies, presenting each recipient with a certificate and commemorative pin. The event always draws strong support from faculty and staff, who attended to applaud the students' achievements. As a beloved tradition, the evening also featured Shawsheen's signature Ice Cream Sundae Bar, prepared by the school's culinary students.

Reflecting on the significance of the event, Caruso emphasized the importance of recognizing students who demonstrate outstanding character and work ethic.

"It's essential to celebrate these students because they not only excel academically but also serve as role models for their peers," he stated.

Cook echoed this sentiment, highlighting how events like these contribute to a positive and supportive school culture.

Shawsheen extends its heartfelt congratulations to this year's Citizenship Award recipients for their dedication and leadership.

They are: Brian Ackermann, Lucas Alessi, Akio Aurilio, Logan Bentley, Rachel Botte, Ariana Braga, Braeden Brazil, Patrick Bumpus, Mia Buonaugurio, Maria Cafaro, Nicholas Canty, Emily Carabetta, Matthew Carpinella, Trina Caso, Malcolm Castiglione, Madison Chew, Gavin Churchill, Ashley Ciccotelli, James Cole, Magnus Cooper, Jessica DeChellis, Nathan DeFreitas, Ronan Dewar, Jailyn DiNuccio, Nicholas DiPietropolo, Sophia DiTonno, Khloe Donnelly, Caroline Eggers, Manuela Coronado-Eljaiek, Abigail Farmer, Michael Fay, Tyler Fennell, Mia Figueroa, Sofia Flores, Brian Flynn, Gracie Gaffney, Mckensi Galarza, Sophia Gallant, Gisele Gannem, Dale Gardner, John Gatta, Justin Girouard, Matteo Graziano, Andres Guerrero, Maddison Hardy, Kailyn Harless, Mikayla Harrington, Angelique Hernandez-Nichols, Nathan Horne, Chloe Huberty, Logan Hutchinson, Destinee Jeanty, Lillian Johnson, Kaylee Johnston, Cana Johnstone, Apollo Joseph, Wylie Judge, James Kiernan, Matthew Kilfoyle, Heubert Koranteng, John Krisko, Tyler Labeta, Robert Lee, Jack LeGallo, Meghan Legaski, Alexis Lucchini, Giana Manoloulis, Anthony Martinez, Ellie Matheson, Devin Mathews, Benjamin McCluskey Sapia, London Mccue, Ava Melara, Mackenzie Miller, Bella Minghella, Kendra Minghella, Jason Mitchell, Carley Monteiro, Daniel Moriarty, Jack Morin, Jacquelyn Morrissey, Diego Munoz, Alessandra Munson, Hannah Murray, Joe Mytych, Ava Noble, Jaimee Noftle, Ryan Nogueira, Emmanuel Nogueras Ferreira, Sophia Oliveira, Vivian Osborne, Nariah Oscar, Anthony Palazzo, Karina Palencia-Marroquin, Onyx Paquin, Anthony Pellegrino, Rayssa Pereira, Colin Peterson, Kevin Pio, Ronaldo Pio, Roy Plewa, Dyllon Pratt, Lia Price, Christina Rainone, Lana Ribeiro Kissner, Haley Ricker, Rebecca Risher, Tucker Robinson, Shannon Robitaille, Raeanne Russell, Luke Saengvanich, Paxton Saluto Weeks, Samuel Sarkissian, Brooklin Schena, Isaac Schmidt, Alexander Schulze, Caden Shinners, Leila Sibay, Gabriella Solari, Eliel Soto, Aaron Souza, Isabella Souza, Logan Sproul, Jacklyn Suttie, Dylan Taylor, Krystal Tempesta, Marlin Velasquez Corado, Kimberlee Velasquez-Perez, Cullen Walsh, Delaney Ward, Michael Ware, Logan Warwick, Robert Welch, and Katherine Yeomans.

Shawsheen remains committed to fostering an environment where students thrive academically, professionally, and personally, preparing them for success beyond high school.

Students achieve academic honors at Malden Catholic

MALDEN — Malden Catholic students have successfully completed the second marking period of the 2024-2025 school year. A total of 533 students from 40 cities and towns have earned recognition on the honor roll for their outstanding academic achievements.

Malden Catholic honors academic excellence with three distinct categories:

President's List: Grades of 90–100 in all classes

First Honors: Grades of 85–89 in all classes

Second Honors: Grades of 80–84 in all classes

The honor roll is organized by city, honor level, student name and year of graduation.

TEWKSBURY

President's List
- Zachary Balandan '25
- Michael Casey '25
- Alyson Desaulniers '27

First Honors
- Trevi Balandan '27
- Anthony Nalen '27

Second Honors
- Lara Chang '25

WILMINGTON

President's List
- Alyvia New '27
- Amelia Foti '25
- Megan Mullarky '25

First Honors
- Gabriella Carriglio '27
- Mark Cataldo Jr '28
- Kevin Cullity '28
- Shannon Hounsell '27
- Harleinedie Jolimer '28
- Casey Kelley '26
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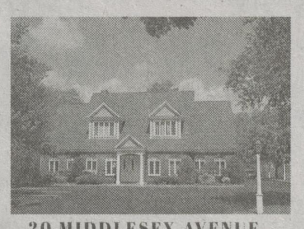
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Shawsheen Valley Technical High School announces honor roll

BILLERICA — Principal Jessica Cook is proud to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School students for the second quarter of the 2024-2025 school year.

Students earning a place on the Honor Roll have demonstrated their commitment to excellence by maintaining a minimum grade of "B" in every course, while those achieving High Honor Roll distinction have earned an "A" in every subject.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

CLASS OF 2025: Avery Assarian, Owen Benson, Logan Bentley, Justin Bevis, Matthew Breen, Noah Brooks, Megan Browne, Phoebe Cameron, John Canadas, Gianna Caruso, Madison Chew, Tara Clark, Darion Considine, Grant Cook, Alyssa Costantiello, Haley Cournoyer, Dante D'Alleva, Ronan Dewar, Jayson Dube, Shaun Duhamel, Trevor Engel, Emily Erickson, Brody Esterbrook, James Famolare, Jameson Farrell, Ava Ferreira, Brendan Fitzgerald, Corrine Foley, Dale Gardner, John Gatta, Nicholas Gattineri, John Gibbons, Jackson Goldman, Autumn Halas, Kailyn Harless, Jonathan Hureau, Leila Hurley, Nishtha Lamsal, Jack Larson, Kristin Macdonald, Stephanie MacKeen, Sydney MacPherson, Giana Manoloulis, Faith Martin, Isabella Mason, Kayla Mason, Kylie McLaughlin, Devin Medeiros, Robert Miaskiewicz, Kendra Minghella, Anthony Mirchev, Kaleb Molina, Mia Morrison, Dominic Mosher, Meagan O'Leary, Andrew Oliveira, Carly Ortega, Onyx Paquin, Anthony Pellegrino, Roy Plewa, Kylie Plowman, John Pozzi, Lia Price, Gianna Rago, Lorraina Raposa, Fiona Rexford, Tucker Robinson, Samuel Sarkissian, Sean Scienzo, Sydney Silva, Judith Sloman, Logan Sproul, Megan Steeves, Shelby Tangusso, Dylan Taylor, Kellen Trott, Aswad Vahora, Michael Ware, Robert Welch, and Nathan Yeomans.

CLASS OF 2026: Lilly Abbott, Eric Banda, Nicole Botte, Maria Cafaro, Ava Cailler, Madelyn Cormier, Carmella Deacy, Gabriella Devincentis, Jailyn Di Nuccio, Mahre Duprez, Mikayla Harrington, Maura Krueger, Maeva LeBlanc, Kyle Marrone, Lily Middleton, David Mikaelyan, Isabella Minghella, Jacquelyn Morrissey, Mono Newell, Maeve O'Brien, Giana Peach, Haley Quattrocchi, Christina Rainone, Kaimen Rogers, Makayla Scaramozza, Brooklin Schena, Dominic Schena, Isaac Schmidt, Nathan Son, Krystal Tempesta, William Trach, and Mackenzie Weatherbee.

CLASS OF 2027: Hayley Allen, Brayden Asselin, Akio Aurilio, Cameron Bennett, Nathan Bettencourt, Aidan Boutot, Trina Caso, Cael Considine, Siena De Matteo, Devyn Donnelly, Zachary Dziggel, Mckensi Galarza, Hailey Gallant, Sophia Gallant, Alessandra Harris, Chloe Huberty, Logan Hutchinson, Ashley Knell, Heubert Koranteng, Eloise Krochune, Isabella Molina, Carley Monteiro, Alessandra Munson, James OLeary, Mackenzie Parent, Katelyn Perkins, Colin Peterson, Izabella Pica, Kevin Pio, Samuel Reynolds, Haley Ricker, Lacey Rinaldi, Raeanne Russell, Mary Schmidt, Alexander Schulze, Gabriella Solari, Yago Torres, Craig Walker, Jake Westhaver, and Tabetha Woodward.

CLASS OF 2028: Emma Acker, Jacob Alicandro, Mackenlee Aurilio, Hilary Ayala, Joshua Baker, Ryan Barber, Kellan Barden, Evan Barry, Shannon Basler, Amora Bevington-Cedrone, Mia Buonaugurio, Nicholas Canty, Michael Caprio, Ivey Colantuoni, James Cole, Manuela Coronado Eljaiek, Sofia Craig, Liliana Crider, Jason Dagostino, Rylie Dallaire-Boogaard, Quinn Dasilva, Ella Donovan, Willamina Dubois, Connor Fagan, Delaney Fay, Bruno Gustavo Freitas, Gracie Gaffney, Matteo Graziano, Nahom Habtom, Jacob Halas, Jessica Hartka, Emily Huber, Constantine Jervinis, Jeffrey Johnson, William Judge, Evelyn Keane, Robert Lee, Meghan Legaski, Ryan Legaski, Madeline Manning, Maxwell Marklis, Haylie Martel, Joseph Mckenna, Connor Mcsweeney, Josephine Medeiros, Caden Merritt, Travis Morey, Vivian Osborne, Deaglan Patel, Brodie Patterson, Courtney Perkins, Natalie Plowman, Mya Powers, Alexa Sacca, Natalie Santoro, Julianna Seam, Alaina Tarara, Olivia Vachon, Julianna Vitale, Meghann Warford, and Adrianna Watton.

HONOR ROLL

CLASS OF 2025: Justin Abbott, Ivone Airoso, Destinee Almodovar, Anna Andacic, Nicole Austin, Aiden Bain, Gianna Ballou, Hailey Barber, Charlotte Bartolone, Jack Bauman, Owen Becker, Elijah Beltran, Olivia Bishop, Jack Bourque, Ariana Braga, Jennifer Brogan, Joshua Bucher, Cole Bulens, Alexandra Burke, McKayla Cadden, Matthew Carpinella, Lawrence Cullity, Peter D'Orsi, Matthew Dall, Antonella DeBarros, Michael Dempsey, Peyton DeVito, Shane Doucette, Skylar Driscoll, Rylie Eisnor, Jeremy Farrell, Elizabeth Ferguson, Oliver Ferrer, Brady Fillmore, Gerald Finn, Aidan Fortunato, Brody Freitas, Matthew Fricke, Nathan Galanis, Benjamin Gibbons, Dante Graziano, Francesco Grieco, Maddison Hardy, Chloe Hegarty, Nathan Hescock, William Holloway, Eliot Hong, William Hunt, Ryan Jamieson, Nathaniel Jean-Francois, Destinee Jeanty, Ayla Kelley, Ryan Kelley, Morgan Kelly, Bryan Keohan, Adriana Kepple, John Krisko, Tyler LaMarca, Brooke Larffarello, Melissa Lavine, Alisa Lavino, Jason Lombardi, Madeline Long, Connor Marchant, Devin Mathews, Amelia Matzke, Amaya Maxi, Lauren Mazzei, Ethan McDermott, Toren McGondel, Nathan Melo-Sabino, Vince Miano, Jared Mirisola, Jennifer Montanez, Sean Morgan, Julia Morin, Diego Munoz, Ava Murray, Ryan Nogueira, Makayla Nolan, Maya Noyes, Kevin O'Brien Jr, Lilly O'Hearn, Daniel O'Mahony, Nicolas Palmerino, Steven Penny, Jayden Perez, Connor Pesce, Ronaldo Pio, Lukas Poirier, Alaina Powell, Emily Pumphret, Ryan Quamme, Alexandra Quick, Nicholas Quinn, John Ranno, Rebecca Risher, Caden Rodgers-Cooper, Gavin Russell, Elizabeth Santos, Caden Shinners, Luka Skorput, Eliel Soto, Jason Spaniol, David Stanizzi, Alizah Stewart, Jacklyn Suttie, Cole Taylor, Preston Teixeira, Sidney Tildsley, Zack Timmons, Jack Tuccelli, Mia Vacha, Sean Valente, Kimberlee Velasquez-Perez, Celia Vindice, Allison Viveiros, Cullen Walsh, Delaney Ward, Dylan Ward, Logan Warwick, Trent Wedge, Juliana Welch, and Angelina Williams.

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CLASS OF 2027: Brendon Abrams, Maurice Alert, Kayla Aucoin, Cyrus Baker, Madison Baril, Jared Benson, Braeden Brazil, James Brooks, Killian Burrows, Ava Cadigan, Hayli Camara, Matthew Campbell, Quinn Carbone, Brendan Casey, Nicholas Castellano, Giuseppe Castiglia, Christopher Collins, Joseph DaSilva, Gabriel De Figueiredo, Nathan DeFreitas, Stephanie De Simone, Lyla Dickinson, Hope DiDonato, Lucas Donovan, Jake Driscoll, Caroline Eggers, Abigail Farmer, Heidi Ferrer, Mia Figueroa, Brian Flynn, Mia Freitas, Alivia Fulgoni, Paige Gallant, Emilie Garand, Logan Goldman, Anny Goncalves, Eleanor Gouthro, Ryan Graffeo, Rachel Gregory, Nicholas Gulinello, Finn Hadden, Ayden Hall, Leah Hanafin, Ella Haynes, Ian Heos, Trevor Hodgson, Andrew Hughes, Jaxon Jacobs, Cana Johnstone, Parker Jones, Lily Kelley, Shannon Kelly, Jackson Kenney, James Kiernan, Anthony Laurenza, Ryan Leclerc, Maya Lee, Chase Levesque, Brandon Lockhart, Mykah Lourie, Devin MacDonald, Wilkerson Madelon, Dylan Mainini, Noah Martin, Anthony Martinez, Sophia Massaro, Ellie Matheson, Kayleigh McCabe, Benjamin McCluskey Sapia, Rachel McCracken, Sofia Medeiros, Maksim Miano, Aaron Minesinger, Jaron Mollgard, Cole Moniz, Jack Morin, Julianna Mugford, Joseph Mytych, Sean Nogueira, Emmanuel Nogueras Ferreira, Collin O'Hearn, Aidan O'Keefe, Nariah Oscar, Cole Pellegrino, Joseph Pellegrino, Garron Perry, Aiden Pimentel, April Pozzi, Christian Pratt, Christopher Rabideau, Jose Reis, Karina Reynoso, Carrie Rinaldi, Damian Roscillo, Paul Ryan, Luke Saengvanich, Daniela Saporito, Christian Sauchuk, Kai Schultz, Ariana Scroxton, Benjamin Shepard, Hadi Sibay, Leila Sibay, Aishmeet Singh, Douglas Skane, Chace Solimine, Aaron Souza, Isabella Souza, Payton Steen-Deschenes, Jacob Thomas, Skylar Trovato, Lucas Valerio, Matthew Verrier, Michael Vestal, Jazmine Vibert, Jack Welch, Madeline White, and Destiny Young.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

DESIGNER SERVICES FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE NORTH WILMINGTON FIRE SUBSTATION

The Town of Wilmington is seeking the Designer Services of qualified Massachusetts registered architectural consulting individuals or firms to conduct a feasibility study and prepare a preliminary design for the rehabilitation/expansion/construction of a fire substation.

Interested parties are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") to the Town of Wilmington ("Owner/ Awarding Authority). Sealed responses, clearly labeled **"Statement of Qualifications for Designer Services Feasibility Study – North Wilmington Fire Substation"** will be received in the office of the Town Manager, Thomas Donahue, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, MA until 2:00 P.M. on February 28, 2025. Each proponent shall submit one (1) original, five (5) hard copies, and one (1) electronic copy of the response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Each response shall clearly identify the proponent's name and business address.

This RFQ may be obtained electronically by visiting the Town of Wilmington website http://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department until the scheduled submission date.

Late responses will not be accepted. The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services etc. or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered.. Proposals submitted via email or fax will not be considered.

The Town of Wilmington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability in employment for the provision of services. The Town reserves the right to reject any responses or any part thereof in response to this RFQ or take any other action as the Town may deem to be in its best interest.

R. Eric Slagle
Town Manager
250127 2/13/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

CASE #2-25
815 WOBURN STREET
MAP 47 PARCEL 9

APPLICANT:
ATS
815 WOBURN STREET LLC
EDWARD FARRELL JR.

REQUEST: SPECIAL PERMIT FOR CHANGE OF USE LIVERY SERVICE PROVIDER SPECIALIZING IN WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTATION, SHUTTLE CHARTERS AND NON EMERGENCY VEHICLES PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.5.15.

250085 2/13, 20/24

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to: Mario Tarves of, 428 Ridge St., Apt.1 in Fall River MA who is the last registered owner of a

2012 Nissan Juke
VIN # JN8AF5MVXCT110616

that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about March 7, 2025 at A&S Towing, 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

250133 2/12,19,26/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2025,** at **6:30 P.M.**, in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, for an application filed by **Heritage Builders on behalf of the Town of Tewksbury c/o Dick Cuoco** for a variance under Section 5.3.1.A of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, to construct a single family on a lot that does not meet the 80% diameter requirement and as shown on plans filed with the Board.

Said property is located at **283 PLEASANT ST,**, Assessor's Map 46, Lot 2 zoned Residence 40 (R40) .

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
250119 2/13,20/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 27, 2025,** at **6:30 P.M.**, in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, for an application filed by **Michael Newhouse** under MA General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 8 as a Party Aggrieved by a decision made by the Building Inspector in a letter dated January 7, 2025, to determine applicability of Section 10 of Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024

Said property is located at **334 BROWN ST**, Assessor's Map 81, Lot 8 zoned Residence 40 (R40) .

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
250116 2/13,20/25

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9 on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

CASE # 1-25
2 ALICE AVE
MAP 010 PARCEL 011C

APPLICANT:
LAURA SANTOS

REQUEST: SPECIAL PERMIT-TO INCREASE THE NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE TO BUILD A 2 CAR GARAGE ADDITION WITH FAMILY AND MUD ROOM, AND SHALL REQUIRE A SPECIAL PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.1.6.4

250079 2/13, 20/24

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Students receive academic honors at St. John's Prep

DANVERS — St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2024–2025 school year, which ended on Jan. 17, 2025. Students who qualified for the Head of School's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the academic honors list for the second quarter 2024–2025.

TEWKSBURY

Head of School's List
- William Forsyth '27
- Ayyan Kamran '26

Principal's List
- Timothy Tuttle '28

Honor Roll
- Luke Nazzaro '25

WILMINGTON

Head of School's List
- Christopher Morad '28
- Jonathan Morad '25
- Nicholas Morad '25
- Matthew Norton '28
- John Salvador '29

Principal's List
- Ryan Gallozzi '29

Honor Roll
- Arsenault '27

Wilmington resident

Maywood Terrace homeowner in Woburn given two weeks to resolve rental property issues

By PATRICK BLAIS

WOBURN — With neighbors airing a whole new set of grievances regarding the home and its tenants, Ward 5 Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen told a Wilmington landlord she has just a few weeks to address a myriad of issues stemming from her 4 Maywood Terrace rental property.

In a continuation of a public nuisance hearing that was first opened back in November, the City Council this week heard from several Kennedy Middle School area residents that issues again abound at the Maywood Terrace house after an initial burst of welcomed maintenance and clean-up efforts.

Mercer-Bruen, who initiated the public nuisance hearings and has given landlord Deborah McLaughlin several months time to remedy those problems, later made it clear that time has run out.

"This has been going on since November. It's disappointing that we saw some improvement and yet here we are back to square one," said the Ward 5 representative. "When you're the owner of a property, you need to be present and accountable. You need to know what's going on."

"We're going to meet back here [later this month]. And if all of these things aren't resolved, I will ask the City Council to declare the property a public nuisance. I don't know what else to say. I think we've been extremely patient," she continued.

At Mercer-Bruen's request, the council would later vote unanimously on Tuesday night to continue the public hearing until Feb. 18.

Back in November, the City Council opened the proceedings against the Wilmington landlord at the urging of Building Commissioner Thomas Quinn, who documented a series of zoning and public safety complaints regarding excessive trash being strewn about the property and related rodent activity, the parking of a tractor-trailer in the driveway, and people sleeping or hanging out in abandoned vehicles.

A number of neighborhood residents also used the initial public hearing to recount issues involving unruly house parties and domestic squabbles that required police interventions, suspicious interactions between visitors to the house that appeared to be drug related, and safety issues involving unsupervised children playing in the street.

McLaughlin during that first evening of council deliberations in November would later promise to clean-up trash around the house, allow Quinn and the city's health agent to inspect the premises, remove a partially filled pool and conduct other maintenance tasks.

Many of those pledges were indeed met in the following weeks. However, for the past several months, the council has continued the proceedings after hearing from Quinn that the inspections had not yet been arranged as discussed.

On Tuesday, just hours before the start of Tuesday night's council meeting, Quinn reached out to Mercer-Bruen via email to confirm that McLaughlin had allowed him to inspect the property. He also acknowledged that the homeowner repaired a set of stairs leading to a deck in the back yard and had purchased a number of new trash barrels to deter rodents.

However, the city's zoning enforcement officer did warn that based on his observations, an unregistered Cadillac SUV remained on location.

"I have received pictures from the owner that show the rear stairs to the deck have been installed to grade," wrote the building commissioner. "Additionally, a site visit was done this morning and trash barrels were secured with no evidence of trash on the grounds."

Later, several area abutters approached the City Council and argued that shortly after cleaning up the property last fall, conditions around the house began deteriorating again.

"The problems persist," vented Beach Street resident Ben Corduck. "While some initial improvements were made, those efforts have not been sustained. Trash was pilling up again, even if it was cleaned up today. The abandoned car has not been addressed and police continue to respond to [disturbances involving] this property."

"It's just continuous," later stated Maywood Terrace resident Susan Carpenter. "There doesn't seem to be an end in sight. I commend [the two closest abutters to this house] for staying in the neighborhood, because that's a tough place to be right now."

Later approaching the council to respond to those latest complaints, McLaughlin assured the city officials that her tenant is in the process of disposing of the unregistered SUV. She also explained that the family who is renting the home will be vacating the premises sometime in March.

Still time to pull nomination papers

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Certified candidacy is still yet to be determined as nomination papers remain open for those interested in running for public office.

The vote is scheduled to happen on April 26, with the deadline to register to vote in time for said election being 10 days prior on April 16.

Those wishing to vote via mail or absentee must reapply each year. Both of those applications can be found online. Sample instructions and ballots can also be found on the Wilmington town website.

Additionally, voter registration can be applied for and checked online. As the SAVE Act regarding voting registration may soon be federal law, it is unclear how that could affect and change voting registration in this election.

The SAVE Act, introduced by US Representative Chip Roy of Texas, would require people to present in-person documentation as proof of citizenship when registering to vote.

This could affect married women, as much of the documentation listed under the SAVE Act is based on having a birth certificate that matches the person registering to vote and millions of married women legally change their last name when they get married.

However, in preparation for this legislation, residents may want to look into ensuring their documents fall in line with those proposed requirements.

On the ballot will be varying numbers of seats on the following committees:

• Select Board has two seats with three year terms up for election.

• The School Committee has three seats available for three-year terms.

• There is one seat available on the Shawsheen Regional Technical High School Committee, with the term lasting three years.

• And finally, the Wilmington Housing Authority has two seats available, one being for a five-year term and one being for a three-year term.

As of the publication deadline there have been no new nomination papers pulled. The candidates so far are Steven D. Hunt pulling for the Select Board, Jesse Lee Fennelley and Stephen Gregory Turner pulling for the School Committee, and Ann Marie Hill pulling for the Wilmington Housing Authority.

This still leaves no race contested, and no nomination papers have been submitted back to the office certifying candidacy.

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Residents speak up on project

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and suggested the use of signage.

Peter Moser asked about the mild swale being in the roadway. Boland also suggested that Alunni would review this item.

Roy recalled that his team has previously included swales within the edges of the right of way.

One resident shared her excitement about the proposed drainage improvements and spoke to her personal experience of stormwater remaining in the street. She asked who would maintain the stormwater elements and if the street could become accepted through this process.

Roy answered that the street is a private way, and their proposal did not involve acceptance, but he added that all the abutting property owners would have to be on board. He said that the owner of 9 Saffron St. would have to maintain the stormwater systems.

Boland suggested that this street may not meet the standards for acceptance even if this plan is completed. Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich said that in the past they have accepted streets at this level so long as the board approves and the property owners agree to provide their interest.

Another resident wondered how this was the first they were learning about this project — although they were possibly referring not to the roadway improvement and stormwater management special permit but the two new houses.

Boland explained that this was the current proposed project's first public hearing for the Planning Board respective to the roadway improvement and stormwater management plan, which was why the abutters were notified ahead of the meeting.

Several residents stated that they believed the area in question was federally protected conservation land on which houses and other construction could not be completed.

They also shared concern with any construction taking place at all and making the current stormwater situation worse.

"I know when you put a shovel in the ground, it changes the water table," said one such resident.

The same resident asked that the board consider their opposition.

Still another resident said that they'd like to see how the construction could be completed without harming any of the abutting properties.

Boland again stated that this was the first time the Planning Board was reviewing the roadway improvement plan and stormwater management special permit. He assured the audience that this project would undergo the same review process as all others that come before the Planning Board where departments such as the fire department, department of public works, and engineering all comment to ensure that the project follows the town's bylaws.

He also mentioned that the Conservation Commission would review the project and discuss restrictions if the area in question was federally protected wetlands.

Roy shared that their first Conservation Commission meeting was the very next day. He added that the wetlands were detailed and located on their plans, and the stormwater was meant to mitigate runoff and improve infiltration. He said that their plans were "quite a ways away from the brook and homes."

Emma Battaglia commented that she would also like to see the proposed improvements control the water and improve the stormwater conditions described by the abutters.

The proposal was continued to the Planning Board's next meeting on March 4.

Delivery drivers will use own vehicles

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types of facilities in the state and 60 across the country.

Costa described that delivery drivers for this facility would be privately contracted and use their own vehicles, not Amazon vans. He said that drivers would sign up via an application and be approved to pick up and deliver packages.

Flex driver parking spaces would be 10 by 20 feet, and associate parking spaces would be 9 by 18 feet. There were six electric vehicle spaces and they didn't plan on adding any more.

In addition to spaces for the delivery drivers to load their vehicles, some of the other areas of the facility would include regular office space, a break area and storage. Costa shared that this use would bring no additional demand on the utilities than planned, only requiring electric service and not gas.

They would use domestic water service and the current 8,000 gallon per day septic system as constructed. Costa confirmed that the Board of Health would also review their plans.

As for stormwater management, Costa stated that they would include drains in the canopies that go over the ramps which would tie into the existing drainage system. The proposed plan would add another 580 square feet of impervious area for sidewalks and space around the new access doors. The building used a diesel generator.

The sign special permit was requested to allow an additional monument sign on each driveway along with signs designating parking areas. The signs would be made out of aluminum.

Costa referenced that the town's maximum display area for signs was two square feet and height was three and a half feet, and they were requesting a display area of 20 square feet and a height of eight feet.

Costa said he'd already asked TEC to be their traffic peer review, but the traffic summary they'd done showed a very marginal increase throughout the study area. Camber Development was willing to contribute a "fair share" to help fund traffic improvements such as creating a new left turn lane on Salem Street and retiming the signal at Salem Street and Woburn Street.

Planning Board Chair Terence Boland commented that he was concerned about the number of cars in the traffic report which seemed like a steady stream of traffic to be added. Emma Battaglia asked if they planned to space out delivery driver pickup times throughout the day.

Jonathan Greeley of Amazon replied that drivers would work two to six hour shifts and deliver 25-30 packages, and their pickup times would be dispersed throughout the day to manage traffic flow. He agreed with their sentiment to be efficient and sensitive to traffic.

Costa mentioned that the team had responded to the comments received by the Department of Planning and Conservation.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich noted that they hadn't received comments yet from Town Engineer Paul Alunni.

Costa replied that he spoke with Alunni already despite not receiving written comments.

The board voted to continue the public hearing for this project to their March 4 meeting.

Find-It Quick
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Sen. Tarr recognized by Massachusetts Coalition of Police

Massachusetts State Senator
Bruce E. Tarr
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BOSTON — The Massachusetts Coalition of Police (MassCOP), representing 5,000 officers and 911 dispatchers in 181 cities and towns across the state, has recognized Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) by presenting him with an award recently at the Massachusetts State House. This award honors Tarr's steadfast leadership in public safety and support for those in law enforcement.

In presenting the award, MassCOP First Vice-President and Legislative Director John E. Nelson, a retired Peabody police officer, and MassCOP Labor Relations Manager Michael Perreira, cited Tarr's leadership on a wide range of issues, including recently enacted legislation to ensure fair retirement benefits for officers injured by severe violence, and pending legislation to create a "blue alert" system to provide timely public notice of the identity and image of persons suspected of injuring law enforcement personnel, modeled after the state's successful "Amber Alert" program that provides information regarding children at risk of harm.

Nelson also noted Tarr's successful past initiatives to increase the penalties for repeat drunk driving and for repeat violent offenses.

"Senator Tarr has been a tireless advocate and ally for law enforcement officers in Massachusetts. His leadership and commitment are a huge asset to our nearly 6,000 members," said Scott Hovsepian, President of the Massachusetts Coalition of Police. "The Massachusetts Coalition of Police was honored to present Senator Tarr with an award representing our thanks and appreciation for his service to our members and the entire Commonwealth."

"I am truly honored to receive this recognition from the MassCOP," said Tarr. "The brave men and women who serve as law enforcement officers dedicate their lives to protecting our communities, and I will continue to work alongside MassCOP to ensure they have the resources, support, and respect they deserve. I am proud to continue advocating on their behalf, championing policies that enhance the safety and security of Massachusetts communities while supporting our dedicated police officers who serve on the frontlines."

Tarr was first elected to the Senate in 1994 and has served as it's Minority Leader since 2011. He is widely recognized for his abilities to understand and develop complex public policy, and to build bipartisan consensus around issues. He has been a major architect of many successful pieces of legislation, including "Melanie's Law," which increased penalties for repeat drunk driving, "Melissa's Law," which increased penalties for repeat violent offenders, and many others involving stem cells research, animal welfare, energy, and environmental protection.

AG could strip power from town

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vided by the state now that the attorney general could begin enforcing the MBTA Communities Act.

Battaglia answered to say that guidance would be decided through future court cases. She suggested that one of the attorney general's enforcement options would be to strip local power away from the town in creating the zoning district.

Craig clarified that this could look like the attorney general's office drawing the multi-family as of right zoning district for the town and giving the town no say. Battaglia agreed that this would likely be what the attorney general would do.

Peter Moser asked what the result of the Milton case was. Craig replied that the MBTA Communities Act was found to be constitutional, and enforcement power was confirmed for the attorney general, but the regulations were found not to be enforceable yet. This meant that the timeline for municipalities to comply with the regulations was extended.

Gingrich shared the newest timeline for action plans for compliance due on Feb. 13 and compliance with the regulations by July 14.

The board members agreed to recommend that the warrant article return for this upcoming Town Meeting in May. Moser mentioned that the town would be noncompliant now as of Feb. 13.

No contested races yet in spring town election

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Those who are interested in running in this election for any of the seats listed above should contact the town clerk for more information.

As per usual Wilmington election procedure precincts 1 and 2 will vote at the Boutwell School, 3 and 4 will vote at Wilmington High School, and precincts 5 and 6 will vote at Town Hall.

And as always, residents are reminded about the importance of these elections even after the conclusion of the presidential election. The change one wants to see in their communities, states and counties often starts in local elections such as these.

So, residents are encouraged to participate as much as they can.

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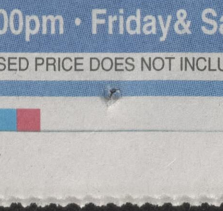
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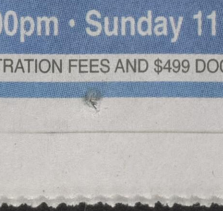
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